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FROM PIRATES TO POLICE OFFICERS AND PRINCESSES, PORTHCAWL'S CARNIVAL WAS FUN FOR ALL!
PICTURED (LEFT) ARE THE COMEDY MARCHING BAND, THE WEST SIDE ALLSTARS.

(SEE MORE PICTURES ON PAGES 8, 9 AND 23).

REMEMBER TO KEEP YOUR PROMISES... as 51 years later someone may check up on you!

IF there is one group in modern society that is not generally trusted to keep their promises, it is politicians! writes **PHILIP IRWIN**.

However, one local councillor, Jefferson Tildesley, was able to prove recently that his word was his bond – even after 51 years!

That promise concerned a personal number plate, and the seller's unusual condition of sale.

Coun Tildesley took up the story: "In 1965, I spent time looking for a

JHT number plate for a 21st birthday new car. "My birthday is July 4, but HT was then issued in Bristol, so I spent a week searching scrap yards with no success at all.

"One day, I was visiting Port Talbot steel works on the change of shift. At 1.45pm I spotted a Riley 472, reg no 35JHT.

"I followed the driver into the clocking station to discuss buying his plate, and I was shocked to discover that he too lived in North Cornelly."

The driver was Mr Jack Godwyn and when they met to discuss the

sale, he and his wife had an unusual stipulation – they agreed, but Mr Tildesley had to promise he would never sell it!

Coun Tildesley continued: "I was more than happy with the deal, so I transferred it

to my new car – in time for my birthday – and got a different number plate for Mr Godwyn."

In the intervening 51 years, the memory of that transaction had, not surprisingly, faded somewhat – until just

three weeks ago, when Coun Tildesley accompanied the Mayor of Bridgend County Borough, Coun Reg Jenkins, to a care home, Morgana Court, in South Cornelly.

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Police appeal after burglary in Porthcawl

POLICE in Porthcawl are appealing for information following a burglary on Birch Walk between July 18 and July 23, while the occupiers were on holiday.

Anyone who may have seen anybody acting suspiciously in the area between those dates, is urged to contact South Wales Police via 101 quoting reference number 278147, or call **Crimestoppers** (free and anonymously) on 0800 555 111.

YOUR CHANCE TO SHARE THE COMMUNITY NEWS

St Theodore's Church, Kenfig Hill
AN evening of musical entertainment is being provided at the church by the talented company of musicians, Maesteg Amateur Operatic Society.

They will be performing a variety of popular songs from the musicals in this concert on Thursday, September 8 at 7.30pm.

Tickets (£6) are available from Theo's Charity Shop, Bridge Street, Kenfig Hill or telephone 01656 742703/ 665547/ 741354.

The concert is being held to help pay for essential roof repairs.

Thanks to PTFAs
TYNYRHEOL Primary School, Llangeinor thanks its fantastic PTFAs for organising the recent fete on the weekend.

It was a fabulous day and the children enjoyed the stalls and activities; the climbing wall and the inflatable helter skelter were a great success.

The fete raised an amazing £986.70. It helped part-fund the

NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

A message for all readers in the north of Bridgend who would like to have items included in the community news columns of The GEM:

If you wish to submit reports on any social activity in this region, please contact me.

I am very approachable and will endeavour to include every newsworthy subject.

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whole school enjoying a trip to Margam Park. Also the PTFAs fully funded the year-6 leavers' event.

The PTFAs have also paid for year-6 to spend an hour at the Jump and Jam trampolining centre in Bridgend, followed by something to eat. What a send-off for the leavers.

The following pupils have won star awards at the end of term:

Nursery - Mia Hawkins for a lovely description of her bear; reception - Rohan Davies for his super understanding of time; year-1 - Darcey Bennetta for always trying hard; year-2 - Owain Standing for trying hard to improve his written work; year-3 - Lewis Barnes for working hard to include all features in a persuasive letter; year-4 - Zoe Baird for her report writing; year-5 -

Brandon Riddiford for always behaving impeccably; year-6 - Tygan Crocker for always working hard.

Headteacher's special award - Brandon Riddiford, Taylor McCann and Lewis Matthews for being so responsible looking after the little girl who was lost in the fete.

Welsh Wildlife Trust VOLUNTEERS are required at Parc Slip nature reserve, Tondur, meet at the visitor centre tomorrow (July 29) at 10am for some hands-on conservation work, fresh air and exercise and good company.

Himalayan balsam is an invasive non-native species that shades out native wildflowers and erodes riverbanks, as well as causing other issues for UK wildlife. Luckily, it is easy to pull out, so come along and help remove this invader, and keep Parc Slip nature reserve full of lovely native wildlife.

Please wear weather-appropriate clothing, sturdy waterproof shoes/wellies, and bring some drinking water and gloves if you have any.

You may have to work in areas of the nature reserve where there is thick vegetation and access is difficult. It recommended that you wear trousers and long sleeves to protect your skin.

Youngsters aged eight to 13 are invited to join the club for young environmentalists to explore Parc Slip nature reserve and find out about the amazing wildlife.

Come and join for fun activities such as arts and crafts, wildlife walks and bug hunting.

For more information about these events, phone Lorna on 01656 724100.

Aberkenfig & District WI
EUNICE Williams, president welcomed

the members to the meeting on July 13 and 'Happy Birthday' was sung to the July members: Irene Burges, Dilys Mitchell and Dorothy Kingston and Betty Samuel in August.

Six members were competing in the Glamorgan Show on July 23 in North Cornelly.

Eunice then introduced the speaker, Zoe McParlin, osteopath. Zoe talked about how to understand the problems, and took numerous questions from the members.

Seven members attended the Glamorgan Federation of Women's Institutes Ladies' Day at Chepstow Racecourse on July 14, all decked out in their finery.

The second race was named The Glamorgan Federation Women's Institute Handicap Stakes, on which everyone agreed they had to chance a pound or two. Four coaches packed with 350 members travelled to Chepstow from all over Glamorgan.

Several of the members won money, but win or lose it was a really lovely day. Before leaving they were asked if they would like to attend another race meeting in the future. The answer 'Yes' could be heard all along the line of coaches.

Aberkenfig and District WI meets on the second Wednesday of each month except August, at 2pm in the Len Evans Centre, Heol Persondy, Aberkenfig. Visitors and new members are welcome. It's a chance to make new friends or revive old friendships. The next meeting will be on September 14 at 2pm.

For further information, call Dilys on 01656 725399 or visit www.cobwebs.co.uk or www.facebook.com/Aberkenfigwomensinstitute

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'After Brexit, pride will win through'

WITH reference to the recent letter by Claire Evans, headed "Westminster to blame", I wonder how long the writer has walked around blinkered in this green and pleasant land!

From 1997 - 2010, Westminster had a Labour majority; also Wales was governed by Labour from 1997 - 2015 (and continuing for five more years).

The mining industry, car industry, steel industry and farming industry were ruled by the EU and union rules and laws, making it hard for businesses and families to survive, let alone prosper - but we did through hard work, friends, and 'togetherness'.

One can say the rich became richer, but without the financial markets and good management, we would be like Greece, Spain, Italy and France

(heading that way).

Labour went out of power in 2010, leaving a country nearly bankrupt. Bad management allowed the banks to get into financial problems.

Now we have had a Referendum to 'Remain' or 'Brexit' the EU, as was needed. Brexit won, those who voted Remain are now crying; and many who could have voted, are also complaining.

Theresa May and her new cabinet, I am sure, will work hard to achieve the right results for the country. Already many countries outside the EU want to negotiate trade deals with us and I am sure the EU's 27 countries will.

There will be difficult times ahead, but we will win out with hard work and pride in our great country.

Barry Hoey, Bridgend.

Don't blame the voters...

THE GEM letter on July 21 headed 'Miners who put principles before own self-interest', seems to present a contradiction - and perhaps misplaced blame.

All people who turn out to vote are involved in the search for the Common Good according to them.

Nearly twice as many as in the last general election voted in the Referendum for a representation of their collective principles even if their votes were motivated by selfish individualism.

Is it possible to have a collective display of selfish individualism?

In the same copy of The GEM, Alun Cairns MP is pictured at the Victoria Park fun day, 'Jump Jam' trampolining fun and the opening of the 'Barry Eye' big wheel. Since when did the position of Secretary of State become such a

jolly? There was no mention, however, of Mr Cairns in Cowbridge condemning 'hate crime' as a result of his party's Brexit campaign, or remembering the fallen Welsh soldiers in Penarth, or even fighting for honesty and transparency with regard to the Sully Travellers' site.

In the Vale MP's viewpoint there are as many uses of the word 'I' as there are paragraphs. He would do well to remember there is no 'I' in Secretary of State.

With his overactive interest in selfie opportunities, and updated status as fastest MP, is it any wonder that self-centredness governs voting patterns?

After all, it landed him a seat next to the Prime Minister in the Commons.

Voters cannot be blamed for their politics being shaped by self-interest.

Mrs L Cummins, Barry.

'Now everyone's had their say'

THANK you for printing the 'for' and 'against' letters on the Referendum; I enjoyed reading them. It really was a good mix.

Now everyone has had their say, let us get behind Theresa May, the new Prime Minister. Her pedigree is excellent and I am sure she will do a good job - honest, intelligent - a taskmaster who will lead us into a great future.

We are now Great Britain again. Since Brexit, Canada, America and many other

countries want to trade with us.

What about the Farnborough air show which has just taken place? Britain has obtained billions of pounds worth of orders.

We have the best aeronautical engineers here in Britain and it's all due to the brilliant engineer, Frank Whittle, who gave us the jet engine. And what about Rolls-Royce?

Anyway, enough is enough - everyone has had their say now!
Mrs DI Harris, Rhosce.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL AUGUST 4)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 - 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
28 Thur	01.13	8.5	13.45	8.4
29 Fri	02.24	8.3	14.59	8.2
30 Sat	03.40	8.5	16.16	8.6
31 Sun	04.54	8.8	17.26	8.9
01 Mon	05.57	9.1	18.22	9.4
02 Tues	06.48	9.4	19.12	9.7
03 Wed	07.36	9.8	19.55	9.9
04 Thur	08.18	9.9	20.34	10.1

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School PTA helps to fund a new '4D immersive space'



From left to right are: Carys Peters (9), Sara Peters (PTA chair), Jeremy Thompson (headteacher), Liam Sales (7), Owen Sales (4), and Nerys Sales (PTA treasurer).

OLDCASTLE Primary School PTA was thrilled to hand over a cheque to the school recently for £10,000.

The fantastic amount of money was raised from a variety of events and activities held at Oldcastle Primary School in Bridgend.

The PTA has arranged various activities and events to raise funds for the school including children's discos, summer and Christmas fetes, cake and craft sales, and non-uniform 'mufli' days.

Money raised by the PTA has been used to fund part-fund a new '4D immersive space' in the school.

The 4D technology within the room gives children the opportunity to become totally immersed in a subject

area. The new immersive space has provided lots of opportunities for children to experience a range of subject areas like never before, whether learning about rainforests, World War Two or gaining an understanding of outer space.

Jeremy Thompson, headteacher from Oldcastle Primary School, is extremely grateful to the PTA for raising these funds towards the cost of the 4D project.

He said: "Children from reception through to key stage 2 are benefiting from this unique and inspirational space.

"We strive to create an excellent school, and deliver the excellent education that each child deserves. Funds raised by the PTA assist us in achieving these aims."

'Action, not just words' – MP's call

OGMORE MP Chris Elmore has called on new Prime Minister Theresa May for "action, not just words."

"These are challenging times for Britain. The decision to leave the European Union has created enormous economic uncertainty and insecurity, including here in Ogmere", he said.

"The priority for the new Prime Minister and her cabinet must be to ensure the country is best placed to deal with the challenges ahead.

"We've had warm

words from the new Prime Minister on the need for her Government to stand up for everyone, not just the privileged few; the people of my constituency will want action, not just words.

"The concern is that it's difficult to see this new-cabinet as anything other than a sharp shift to the right by the Tories.

"The test now is to demonstrate that all members of the Tory Government are wholly committed to the priorities Theresa May set out on the steps of Downing Street," Mr Elmore added.

51 YEARS ON, PROMISE IS STILL BEING KEPT!

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He said: "To my shock and amazement, I spotted someone I thought was Jack Godwyn, and staff confirmed it was him – now aged 95.

"We agreed that we should take a photograph of Mr Godwyn with my car – 51 years after giving me the number plate – I really thought he had passed away some years ago.

"I now have a record of the deal which includes Mr Godwyn together with the car!"



Coun Tildesley with Coun Reg Jenkins and Mr Jack Godwyn, accompanied by a Morgana Court staff member.

PACT meetings

BLAENGARW/PONTYCYMER PACT on Monday, August 1 at Blaengarw RFC at 6pm.

LLANGEINOR PACT on Wednesday, August 3 at the Richard Price Centre at 5.30pm.

BETTWS PACT on Thursday, August 4 at Bettws Life Centre at 2pm.

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'Pop goes the easel' in Porthcawl as artists get creative for Art Challenge Wales event

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Porthcawl played host last Saturday (July 23) to an Art Challenge Wales event (sponsored by Philip Vaughan of Abacus Assurance) and the seafront was busy with artists setting up their easels, as they sought inspiration from life on carnival day in a seaside town.



Artists were working with wood (right), watercolours (below left), textiles (above) and in a Picasso-esque style (below). There was even (left) an art installation, set up near the promenade.



Brave Nicola thanks community for its support during her battle with cancer



Nicola (left) with Sue Youngman at the Race for Life. Sue is a fellow breast cancer survivor and a volunteer with Breast Cancer Care.



Nicola with boxer Lee Selby, who was keen to support the Race for Life event.

A breast cancer survivor has thanked members of the local community for their messages of support over the last 12 months.

Nicola Ellis (46) who works as a funeral director at The Vale Funeral Service on Court Road, Barry, has endured a year-long rollercoaster after being diagnosed with cancer.

Nicola explained: "I was diagnosed with triple negative breast cancer in July 2015, after finding a small lump. It proved to

be a 10-centimetre tumour."

What followed was an arduous sequence of treatment: chemotherapy from August to December 2015, surgery in January and then radiotherapy.

"I was determined that from the day of diagnosis, I would raise awareness of the symptoms of breast cancer which can be more than finding a lump."

The symptoms women should look out for include: a lump; a change

in the size or shape of the breast; dimpling of the skin or thickening of the tissue; a nipple that's turned in; a rash on the nipple; a discharge from the nipple; and swelling or a lump in the armpit.

While Nicola was undergoing chemotherapy, she organised a Macmillan coffee morning, which raised over £3,000.

Cancer Research UK's Race for Life is a series of women-only events raising money for research into all types of cancer, and Nicola took

part in a recent run.

"Following nine months of treatment, I recently took part in my first 'Race for Life' in Cardiff, which was extremely emotional for me. It took place a few days to the anniversary of my diagnosis on July 10, 2015.

"I would like to thank, from the bottom of my heart, not just the support received from my beautiful family and friends, but also the community of Barry.

"All their kind messages and support over the past year have been phenomenal.

"I still have surgery ahead of me and I'm learning a new way of living. As any cancer survivor will tell you, there is never a 'back to normal' – it's all about living life differently."

Over the last few months, Nicola has been on social media urging both men and women to check themselves.

"People should check themselves regularly and men, of course, can also get breast cancer.

"During the last few months I've had several ladies contact me to thank me for the 'awareness' posts because without the posts they wouldn't have found lumps and got checked by medical professionals."

Nicola says she has to thank a number of organisations for their help – Breast Cancer Care, Breast Friends Cardiff and Vale, Macmillan and the NHS.

A recent Macmillan 'activity' course, which gave advice on fitness and nutrition, was a huge help to her.

Nicola's husband, Lyndsay, said he is very proud of how strong and inspirational she is, pointing out that throughout her difficult journey she has had time to think of others and raise awareness of breast cancer for both women and men.

For more information on Macmillan, go to: www.macmillan.org.uk.

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Bowls event raises funds

DESPITE poor weather, a charity bowls afternoon recently raised £380 for the committee for Cancer Research.

Many thanks to Mrs Jean Downs and members of The Prince of Wales bowls club for all their hard work in making this such a successful fundraising event.

On November 16, the committee will be holding its annual autumn lunch at The Hi Tide Inn (12.30pm for 1pm).

Choice of menus; tickets £8 from members of the committee. Further details available from Diane Jones on 01656 784762 and Sue Sharp on 01656 773670.

While December seems a long way off, the annual candle service at All Saints' Church on December 4 at 4pm is an occasion not to be missed.

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Pencoed Primary School achieves the NACE Cymru Challenge Award.

Double NACE award for Pencoed Primary School

Pencoed Primary also received an 'E-Safety Mark'.

THE end of term has been celebrated in style at Pencoed Primary with the school picking up two prestigious awards.

In recognition of their commitment to getting the best out of high-achieving pupils, the school has achieved the National Association for Able Children in Education (NACE) Cymru Challenge Award.

Representatives from NACE spent time at the school observing lessons and interviewing pupils, teachers, parents and governors. They were particularly impressed by the school's strong leadership and the importance placed on the needs of more able learners.

NACE chief executive Sue Riley said:

"Pencoed Primary School worked hard to win the award. It has shown itself to be committed to developing a school and providing an education where all pupils are challenged to be the best they can be."

Pencoed Primary has become the 47th school in Wales and the 372nd school overall to achieve the accreditation from NACE.

To complete its double award success, the school has also received an 'E-Safety Mark' from the South West Grid for Learning Trust, in honour of the work they have done to make pupils, parents, carers and staff more aware of the importance of staying safe online.

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News from Pen-y-Fai WI

THE July meeting of the Pen-y-Fai WI was opened by president Angela Smith.

Angela gave a summary of forthcoming events, one of which is the Christmas visit to Llancaich Fawr Manor for a tour and afternoon tea.

Angela told the meeting of a successful trip to Sudeley Castle and Labels Outlet Centre by 30 members in early July, during which they managed to dodge the rain and saw some actual sun!

Angela then introduced the speaker for the month: Natalie Murphy, a well-known author and local historian on

the Bridgend area. Natalie had set the members a quiz on Bridgend. Some of the answers proved unexpected, including the fact that Bridgend Town Hall was a listed building when it was knocked down!

Thanks to the speaker were given by Adele Hancock.

The trip in August will be to Picton Castle in Pembrokeshire, as well as a short stop to Carmarthen for some retail therapy!

The next meeting will be on September 19, when there will be a talk on Aloe Vera.

SHEILA DAVID

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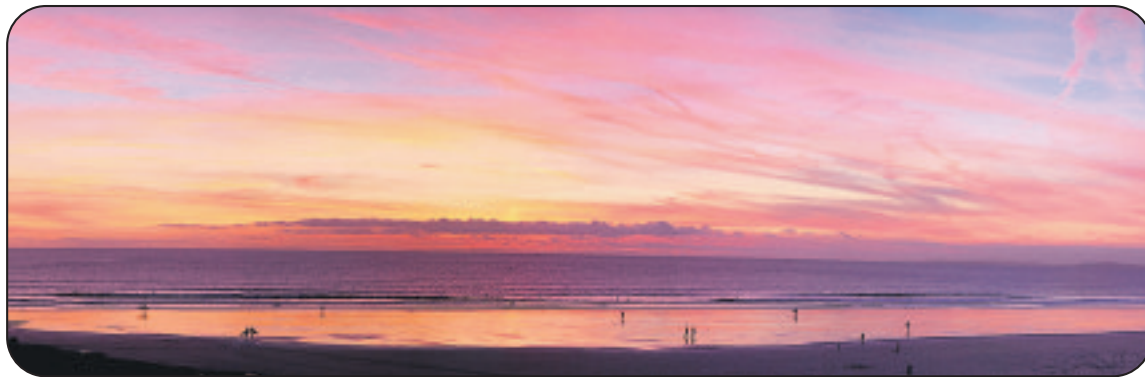
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PANORAMA HIGHLIGHTS PERFECT REST BAY SUNSET IN PORTHCAWL



PORTHCAWL-BASED photographer Malcolm Nugent particularly enjoys refining his panoramic images, and this stunning shot gives a good idea why. It's a sunset at Rest Bay, Porthcawl, and captures the whole sweep of the bay and the skyline – in all its glory.

Local campaigner in petition plea for a regional ovarian cancer screening programme

A petition calling for a national yearly screening programme for ovarian cancer is under consideration at the Welsh Assembly thanks to a campaigner.

The local woman, who for personal reasons does not want to be identified, put the petition forward "because so many of my friends have died and because they hadn't been screened".

In May, The GEM reported on the sad death of another campaigner, Lesley Woolcock from Barry, who, despite having the illness herself, spent time highlighting the need for a screening programme.

The 'Support Yearly Screening for Ovarian Cancer' petition was initially discussed by the petitions committee on February 2.

The campaigner told The GEM: "I was very

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encouraged. They were very positive about it, but an election was due in May so it had to be put on hold. "A meeting in September at the Senedd will discuss it further."

She has been able to put forward a written submission in support of the petition to the committee.

In it she emphasises: "Ovarian cancer is certainly a distressing disease, but I fail to see how the 'research has helped to make welcome advances in diagnosis and treatment'. There's no screening to effect an early diagnosis and, according to a friend who was a chemotherapy nurse in Velindre more than 15 years ago, the treatment has not changed in all that time."

"She should know because she was diagnosed with stage three ovarian cancer and has been receiving the same treatment that she was giving to her patients at that time."

A CA125 blood test is a simple means of diagnosing ovarian cancer. In Wales, around 390 women each year receive the devastating news that they have ovarian cancer, and around 233 lose their lives.

The campaigner says she believes the cost of the

test would be £20 to £25 for the NHS, but privately it is £200.

The submission goes on: "What possible harm can a simple CA125 test do? It may not be a perfect test but surely it is better than nothing."

A 'CA125 blood test' is a 'tumour marker' and provides a strong indication of cancer. It means a GP can refer a woman to a gynaecologist who will then carry out a vaginal scan.

But the woman also recounts something quite shocking in her submission.

"A dear friend, another retired nurse, was diagnosed at the age of 69 in July 2015 with stage three ovarian cancer. Her daughter, in her late 40s went to see her GP and asked if she could have a CA125 blood test in view of her mother's diagnosis."

"The GP then stated that 'Your mother has to die of something'. She was denied the test and advised to pay for it privately. The GP did not make it easy for her to do because she wasn't given a letter of referral."

"The woman's other daughter, in her early 40s, went to her GP and was given the test. The result was '55' – the cut off being 35. She was given an ultrasound scan. What a difference in GP attitudes!"

The GEM will let readers know the committee's response to the petition in September.

EYES FRONT! Local optician's staff support ex-forces personnel

STAFF at an optician's in Porthcawl donned their dafest fancy dress and held a cake sale and raffle, as part of Armed Forces Week.

Staff and customers raised £50 for Blind Veterans UK through the activities.

The activity follows Specsavers' involvement in last year's 'Make a Spectacle of Yourself' campaign, in which more than £20,000 was raised for ex-servicemen and women across the country who have been blinded in action or have lost their sight through accident, illness or old age.

Blind Veterans UK – formerly St Dunstan's – was established in 1915 by founder of the Daily Express and former owner of the Evening Standard, Sir Arthur



Pearson after he lost his own sight to glaucoma.

Blind Veterans UK not only cares for ex-servicemen and women blinded in action, but also for veterans who have lost their sight through accident, illness or old age.

Director Claire Edwards said: "Blind

Veterans UK provides crucial support to those who have either lost or had their sight damaged while representing our country in the armed forces.

"The charity works to give its members back their independence and helps them discover a life beyond sight loss."

"Armed Forces Week was a brilliant chance to have a bit of fun while also digging deep for this fantastic organisation. We would like to thank all of those who supported our fundraising efforts as it made a difference to some very deserving people."

Pensioner jailed after child porn images are found on computer

by AJ SICLUNA

A PENSIONER wept in the dock at Cardiff Crown Court when he was jailed for 12 months for being in possession of pornographic pictures of children, some as young as two years old.

Ronald Thomas (65), a man with no previous convictions, of Court Road, Barry, pleaded guilty to three charges of possessing indecent images of children.

"His reputation and his marriage are now in shreds," said his solicitor Nick Hartman. Prosecutor David Pugh said at 9.40am on March 7, police officers executed a search warrant on Thomas's then home at Guys Road, Barry.

They seized a laptop computer in an upstairs room which contained indecent images of children. He was arrested and the images were forensically examined.

Some were still and some were moving and all involved children, some aged 10-12, some five to six and some two to three years old. There were 15 category A, the most serious, 22 of B and 26 of C.

Mr Thomas told the police, said Mr Pugh, that he was the only person who used the computer and had at times "lapsed" with other people with whom he had discussed adult images.

He said that initially, he had deleted these images, but returned to them. He also said that he was "totally ashamed" of what he had done.

Mr Pugh said that among the aggravating features were the ages of the children and that

some were moving images.

Mr Hartman said: "People who know Thomas find it difficult to find him associated with such offences. He had worked on a voluntary basis within his community."

"From the start, he was honest, frank and open with the police."

He said the impact on his life had been "catastrophic".

He added: "He has been aware of a potential prison sentence for four months. There is clear remorse and he is motivated to address the issue and there are good prospects to rehabilitate him."

Sadly, said Mr Hartman, Thomas was the author of his own misfortune and he found it difficult to explain why he committed the offences.

Recorder Catherine Brown told the defendant: "Until you committed these offences, you had a clean record. This was not a victimless crime, and these are serious offences which took place, perhaps over a period of two years, and it has had a devastating effect."

"Your wife of 48 years has left you. Society expects there has to be punishment to mark what you did."

A Sexual Prevention Order was made for 10 years and Thomas was ordered to register as a sex offender for 10 years.

Said the Judge: "This is not conduct society tolerates."

He was ordered to pay a court surcharge of £100 and it was directed that his computer be forfeited.

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End of term report from Pencoed Comprehensive STAR READERS OF THE YEAR AND SPELLING BEES!



THE 'star' reading scheme continues to be successful.

A huge 'well done' to all pupils in years 7, 8 and 9, who have read 3,975 books this year, which equates to 64,928,632 words!

All pupils have made a fantastic effort with their reading and quizzing this year. Congratulations to all our star 'readers of the month' and 'word millionaires' – there are too many to mention, but you know who you are.

We are also pleased to announce our star 'readers of the year', those pupils who have passed the most quizzes since September. In year 7, Isabella Davies passed 78; in year 8 Dewi Svenson passed 45; and in year 9, Will Davies passed a massive 117.

A special mention also goes to Morgan Griffiths in year 9, who was hot on Will's heels, having passed 112 quizzes.

Well done everybody, and here's to reading even more next year.

Spelling bees
THREE of our year-7 pupils recently took part in a spelling bee at

Brynteg Comprehensive.

They were up against strong competition consisting of 20 pupils from five other schools.

All three pupils got to the final round with Morgan Sweet coming fourth. The pupils were exceptionally well behaved and had compliments from staff and organisers for their enthusiasm and behaviour.

The pupils were presented with their awards from players of the Ospreys team.

Art
WELL done to the year-7 and 8 pupils who produced some amazing pieces for the key stage 3 art Eisteddfod competition.

The task set was to produce a Welsh meal using any variety of materials.

Staff were delighted with the response from pupils and the amazing pieces they created.

Exhibition
ANOTHER annual event in Pencoed Comprehensive's summer calendar is the display of pupils' work by the art and the DT departments.

The event was well attended by pupils, staff

and parents as well as some of our senior citizens.

GCSE, AS and A-Level coursework and examination work was on display. The exhibition also featured the work of some of our year-9 pupils, Jess Tuck, Jay Penny, Dylan Guppy, Dylan Percival, Dylan Sheldon and Erin Ward, who represented the school in the 'F1 in Schools Challenge' competition earlier this year, winning the award for the best team identity.

This team, as well as two others, is now planning for future success. Pupils, parents and staff that came to see the show were very complimentary about the quality and variety of work produced by the school's talented and hard-working artists.

Staff in both departments were delighted to see so many people in the exhibition and look forward to doing the show again next summer.

Viva España!
YEAR-8 Spanish students have been taken part in a scheme set up by Cardiff University's 'Routes into Languages'.

Our pupils were paired with Zoe, who spent the first half of her year in Corsica studying French and the second half in Córdoba studying Spanish.

She sent regular emails informing the pupils of what exciting things she had been up to, and pupils asked various questions ranging from wildlife, to what it is like to live with people of various nationalities who don't speak English!

Zoe sent videos of fiestas for her, hosted at Bridgend's presentation of Córdoba, which fitted in with our topic of study. We are hoping that Zoe may pay us a visit in September.

Some year-8 pupils also spent an afternoon experiencing Spanish food and culture at Bar44 Tapas y Copas in Cardiff.

They learned about the culture of Spain and



the origins of tapas while having the opportunity to practise their Spanish and enjoy the culinary delights that were on offer. Fun was had by all.

Also, six students from Cardiff University have been visiting year-9 classes to explain the ever-increasing importance of learning a modern foreign language at GCSE level and beyond.

The MFL department has many more exciting projects planned for next year including a trip to French Christmas markets in Lille and the ever-popular trip to Barcelona.

Opportunities EVERY summer, Pencoed Comprehensive
suspends the usual timetable for the 'Learning Core' programme, which gives pupils a range of different activities to experience and also allows time for work related to the Welsh baccalaureate.

This year's programme included talks to pupils in years 9, 10 and 12 by Prospects Role models, a variety of self-employed people running their own businesses.

The Careers Service worked with year-10 pupils while year-7 pupils were involved in CSI Pencoed, when they produced drawings of photofits of a murder suspect.

During the 'Roald Dahl Days', year 7, 8 and 9 pupils created colourful drawings of characters from *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.

Also during Learning Core, year-9 pupils enjoyed health and fitness team challenge sessions with Sean Molino of Forces Fitness.

The pupils really enjoyed the activities which helped them gain confidence, as well as improving their concepts of health and fitness.

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Song and sport with the boys from Bridgend!

THE Bridgend Male Choir has notched up some impressive gigs for sporting occasions in recent years.

From welcoming Nicole Cooke, the cycling road race world champion to singing the Welsh national anthem at Joe Calzaghe's title fight with Mikkel Kessler, the choir has celebrated sport with song. A spokesperson reports.

The current singing year, however, is unsurpassed for the boys from Bridgend. No fewer than four major sporting appearances will have heard the choristers entertaining.

Wales' success in the home team's victory over France in the Six Nations championship,

opened the choir's programme, and last weekend it sang a welcome to competitors at the Ladies' under-25s Bowls home international series, hosted at Bridgend's Municipal Bowls Club.

Still to come are a welcome invitation from the Football Association of Wales to its launch dinner to celebrate the award of the Football Champion's League Final to Cardiff in 2017, and a return visit to the sport of kings, Coral Welsh Grand National, at Chepstow at year's end. Also appearing will be Wales' very own singing superstar, Bryn Terfel.

Exciting times indeed and an honour for the choir to attend these sporting events.

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IT'S CARNIVAL TIME IN PORTHCAWL, AND REVELLERS ENJOY A DAY OF FAMILY FUN

*Report and photographs by
KEITH E MORGAN*

SUMMER came to Porthcawl this year for the Town Carnival with the sun shining all day

People picnicked on the rugby field and ice cream and drink sales went through the roof.

There was a great turn-out of spectators, volunteer bucket collectors and those taking an active part in the floats and carnival procession.

This year, there were well over 100 motor cycles taking part in the procession, as well as eight decorated floats, two marching bands, walkers, the Pee Hee Men, and representatives of organisations such as the Sandville, Porthcawl Museum, the Coastguards, St John Ambulance, the Fire Brigade, the Police and the RNLI.

This year's theme was 'Life on the Beach' and the parade started near Newton Primary School and was led by the Westside All-Stars Comedy Marching Band.

The parade was later joined at the Portway by the South Cymru Marching Band.

The streets were crowded all the way from New Road to the Porthcawl Rugby Ground where the crowds, as well as enjoying the extremely hot sunshine, were in for a real hot treat from performer Joseph Peace, who gave a fabulous fire stunt spectacular.

The wonderful day reached its conclusion with the presentation of awards by the Mayor of Porthcawl, Coun Robert Lee, to the parade winners who were as follows:

- Children's float first prize was awarded to the Sea Cadets while Adran y Urdd took second place.

Happy Valley, who always present a well-decorated float each year, walked off with first prize for the adult float with the Porthcawl Community Orchestra coming a close second.

The winners of the Walkers were 'The Sand Witches' who were 'spellbinding'!

The organisers of the carnival, led by Kerry Marlow, wish to thank all those volunteers who took part, and those who contributed to its success by providing float vehicles, or advertising in the brochure.

These include: the Porthcawl Christmas Morning Swim Committee; RNLI; Coastguard; St John Ambulance; Porthcawl Fire Station, Sandville Self Help Centre; the business community; advertisers; road hauliers and drivers; Friends of Tŷ Elis' Sandpiper Inn; Porthcawl Police; Porthcawl Sea Cadets; Porthcawl Town Council; the YMCA; the carnival judges; and most of all, you the public for attending the event and generous donations.



Some of the collection team at the ready.



The Sea Cadets Dragon Float.



ABOVE: Paul and Ceri Joseph of Porthcawl Museum.



SUN SHINES ON PORTHCAWL AS CROWDS PACK TOWN STREETS FOR THE CARNIVAL

Report and photographs by **KEITH E MORGAN**



Happy Valley Caravan and Camping Park – winners of the best adults float first prize.



ABOVE; There was great enthusiasm for the belly dancing float.



The 'Sand Witches' were the best walking group in the procession.



Dr Michael Spencer-Harty, chairman of The 41 Club, presenting the best adults float second prize to a representative of the Porthcawl Community Orchestra.



The Mayor of Porthcawl, Coun Robert Lee, presenting the best children's float award to the Sea Cadets for the Hawaiian Dragon Ship.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Persimmon Homes West Wales – Land at Ty Draw Farm, Pyle – Approval of details for conditions 5 of P/15/135/FUL.

The Phipps family – Land west of Heol Ty Maen – Residential development with vehicular access point from Heol Ty Maen.

Mr Jeremy Davies – 46 The Woodlands, Brackla, Bridgend – Extension to front elevation/infill under existing canopy.

Mr Mathew Hillman – Tremains Primary School, Channel View, Brackla, Bridgend – Eco Flag of Wales.

Mr John Smith – 38 Caer Cynffig, North Cornelly, Bridgend – Ramped access arrangements: 2,043mm ramping section into existing sloping driveway and alteration to door location.

Mr Richard Oxy – Gelli'r Onn Farm, Richard Street, Pontycymmer – Prior notification for traditional barn for agricultural purposes (storage of machinery and feed).

Mr Giuseppe Liberato Goldoni – Land adjacent to 62 St Iltyd's Road, Cefn Glas, Bridgend – Outline planning application for a new three-bedroom detached house with integral garage, with some matters reserved.

MGR Leisure Ltd – 46 John Street, Porthcawl – Change of use from adult gaming arcade (sui generis classification) to use Class A1 (retail fashion).

The Welsh Ministers – Land east of the A48 (Crack Hill) Brocastle, Bridgend – Development of up to 71,441sq.m of B1, B2 and B8 employment floorspace, including access, car parking, diversion of public rights of way, site remediation, drainage, landscaping and associated engineering operations – affecting footpaths 18 and 19 Coychurch Lower.

Mrs Lucy Harris – Rear of 23 Nottage Mead, Nottage, Porthcawl – Demolition of existing single garage and construction of a new three bedroom detached property.

C/O John Matthews – Bryntirion Park, Llangwydd Road, Bridgend – Penybont Football Club facilities including extend stand to accommodate 518 seats, new turnstile with payment booth, extend parking, TV gantry, bar cellar extension and amended site access layout.

Garth Inn, 140 Bridgend Road, Maesteg – Outline for one detached dwelling in rear garden of The Garth Inn.

Mr Alan Thomas – 13 Westward Place, Llangwydd Court, Bridgend – Fell decayed and dangerous ash tree.

Mr T Bevan – 48 Minffrwd Road, Pencoe – Ground floor rear extension (kitchen, dining, utility, bedroom), first floor dormer to provide access to sun deck/balcony.

Garth Welsh – 3 St John's Drive, Porthcawl – Rear conservatory.

Cwm Tawel Ltd – Cwmcedfyrw Farm, Lletty Brongu, Llangynwyd, Maesteg – Change temporary planning permission for low impact accommodation (ref P/11/282/FUL) into permanent planning permission.

Mr PM Gregory – 44 Heol Croes Faen, Nottage, Porthcawl – Single storey extension to rear of property.

Mr IJ Davies – 8 The Retreat, Nottage, Porthcawl – Proposed dormer extension to front elevation and internal ground floor structural alterations.

RES Ltd – Land east of W e r f a Telecommunications mast, Nantymoel – Erect a temporary meteorological mast with a maximum height of 81.5m for a period of up to two years.

Mr M Khaliq – 46 Heol Llan, North Cornelly – Provision of stall/counter for preparation and sale of hot food.

Mr Steve Cosslett – 42 New Road, Porthcawl – Proposed alterations to existing offices on ground floor and living areas above.

Fieldbay Ltd – Former Bryneithin Care Home, Crown Road, Maesteg – Proposed two storey 16 bed residential care home on site of former Bryneithin Care Home with increased parking and improved landscaping.

Michael Parker – 5 Juniper Close, Porthcawl – Single storey extension and increased roof height for roof storage.

Adam Cooper – 5 Cae Derwen, Litchard – Reduce height and spread of trees on south boundary. Ms T Greenslade and Mr K Haines – Land between 33-39 Station Road, Nantymoel – Three attached houses including garages and access (outline application).

Your Pet & Equine Heaven – Block C, Unit 14, Parc Y Bont, Aneurin Bevan Avenue, Brynmynen Industrial Estate – In addition to the current use, proposed use to incinerate (cremate) and store pet and equine cadavers.

NRW – Former Maesteg washery and Coegnant Colliery site east of Maesteg and Nantfyllon – Approval of details for conditions 2 and 3 of P/16/291/FUL.

Mr and Mrs S Kenny – 38 Hookland Road, Porthcawl – Part single storey and part two storey extension to side and rear.

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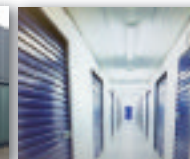


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Cycle the Taff Trail for Ty Hafan hospice

Tŷ HAFAN children's hospice in Sully is encouraging cycling enthusiasts to saddle up and take on its popular Taff Trail Cycle Challenge on **September 3 and 4**.

The main 79K route, starting from Brecon, will take cyclists through countryside with stunning views of the river Taff, before finishing at Blackweir Fields in Cardiff.

Those looking for more of a challenge can sign up for the charity's new 'Tough Taff' challenge - where participants will cycle the route twice over two days.

Mair Kinsey, marketing and events officer at Tŷ Hafan, said: "Our Taff Trail challenge is open to cyclists of all abilities. It's a fantastic event for families,



friends and corporates looking to support Tŷ Hafan.

"This is the 14th year we have organised this challenge and we are so pleased that the public continually get on their bikes to help life-limited children at our hospice

and in communities across Wales."

A total of 66 teams have signed up for Tŷ Hafan's Taff Trail Cycle Challenge, sponsored by EE. Those cyclists wanting to take part can choose from Tŷ Hafan's regular 79K route, the

41K Half Taff route, or those more daring can take on the charity's new Tough Taff - a 157K route from Cardiff to Brecon and back over two days.

To register your team, visit www.tyhafan.org

GEM racing columnist Brian Lee sees a return of his old favourites

GEM columnist Brian Lee, who recently celebrated his 80th birthday, has learned from The History Press that one of his many books on his beloved birthplace, entitled Central Cardiff first published in 1998 and then again in 2004, will be reprinted for a third time later this year.

Brian, who has been reporting on the Welsh horse racing scene for the past 50 years, says: "I have also learned from St David's Press that my long awaited *Racing Rogues - The Scams, Scandals and Gambles of Horse Racing in Wales* will also be in the bookshops sooner rather than later, so it will be a rather exciting time for me."

Brian, a self taught writer, said: "I learned to string words together when working as a stereotyper at the Western Mail and South Wales Echo. I studied how journalists such as Barry's Clive Phillips and John O'Sullivan went about writing up their stories. And, of course, Brian Radford, who was racing editor at the Western Mail, was my mentor. He gave me the job of reporting on all the Welsh point-to-points. I also used to write a column on Bygone Cardiff for the Cardiff Post when The GEM's editor, Don John, was in charge of that paper."

Brian is the author of around 25 books, mostly about his beloved Cardiff. His *The Welsh Grand National - From*

Deerstalker to Emperor's Choice, was reprinted last year.

Over the years, some of Brian's stories made the front page of the now long gone and sadly missed *The Sporting Life*; while in the past, he has contributed to the

Horse and Hound, *Racing Post* and other newspapers and magazines.

Brian, who has a very rare medical condition known as Addison's disease - he has to take steroids twice a day for the rest of his life - says

that he has no plans to give up on his writing and reporting just yet, which will be good news to his army of Glamorgan GEM followers who, when they see him at the races, tell him how much they enjoy his column.

Cardiff Airport predicts 250,000 passengers over the summer break

CARDIFF Airport is preparing for a busy summer holiday season, with over 250,000 passengers expected to fly during the six-week summer break - an increase of 25 per cent compared to the summer holiday season in 2015.

Debra Barber, managing director and chief operating officer at Cardiff

Airport, said: "It's been a fantastic year of development at Cardiff Airport so far; we've seen 13 consecutive months of passenger growth to date, brought in new routes, and made a number of improvements to the customer journey."

She added: "A recent independent poll undertaken by Cheapflights identified Cardiff Airport as 'champions' in two categories, namely the 'Friendliness of the Airport Staff' and 'Passing Through Security'."

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Boost for Welsh film industry as top BBC show films at St Donat's

BBC 2's new three-part adaptation of Evelyn Waugh's classic comedy satire *Decline and Fall*, is to be filmed here in south Wales, after securing backing from the Welsh Government's Wales Screen Fund, and St Donat's will feature heavily in the production.

Principal photography has commenced with a star-studded cast that includes Jack Whitehall (*Bad Education*, *Fresh Meat*), David Suchet (*Agatha Christie's Poirot*), Eva Longoria (*Desperate Housewives*) and Douglas Hodge (*Penny Dreadful*).

The picture (above) shows Jack Whitehall in costume on his first day

of filming in Atlantic College, St Donat's Castle, St Donat's.

The Welsh Government is providing financial support to Tiger Aspect Drama and Cave Bear Productions who, it is anticipated, will spend around £1.8m in Wales.

Decline and Fall has a strong Welsh flavour, with the majority of the action set in a fictional public school in the Welsh countryside.

Tiger Aspect Productions, an Endemol Shine company, is internationally recognized as one of the UK's most successful and prolific independent television producers.

It anticipated there will be strong international interest in the production.

The cabinet secretary for economy, Ken Skates AM, said: "I am



Jack Whitehall as Paul Pennyfeather in *Decline and Fall*. Image by Tiger Aspect Productions.

delighted to announce this funding that ensures this high-profile drama series is to be filmed on location in Wales.

"It is the latest high-end TV production to film in Wales and can only enhance our growing reputation as the location of choice.

"It will provide a real boost for the industry

offering work and up-skilling opportunities for Welsh crew, while creating a wider range of economic benefits for many small businesses working across a range of sectors."

Wales Screen is working with Tiger Aspect and advising on locations in and around south Wales and

assisting them with finding freelance crew and local trainees to work on the production.

Tiger Aspect Drama's Executive producer, Frith Tiplady added: "We are excited and grateful that the support from the Welsh Government's Wales Screen Fund has enabled us to film *Decline and Fall* in Wales.

"We are going to be filming some stunning Welsh locations and working with first class local crew".

Adapted for television for the first time by James Wood (Rev) it will be directed by Guillem Morales (*Julia's Eyes*) with Ben Cavey (Cave Bear productions) and Will Gould (Tiger Aspect) producing.

The production marks 50 years since Waugh's death and the *primetime drama series of three 60-minute episodes is set to transmit later this year.*

Quilters' exhibitions

GLAMORGAN Quilters' 35th anniversary exhibition can be seen this Friday and Saturday, July 29-30, from 11am - 4pm at the United Free Church, Westgate, Cowbridge CF71 7AQ.

The Cutting Edge Textile Group's World War One quilt exhibition is also taking place on July 29-30, from 11am - 4pm at Old Hall, Cowbridge CF71 7AH.

Domestic violence advice

AGE Connects Cardiff and Vale is holding an advice session on domestic violence on August 2.

The session, from 10am to midday, will held be at the Age Connects Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry. Call 01446 732385 for more information.

£8m secured for Vale communities through planning agreements

THE Vale Council secured more than £8m of funding for community investment through Section 106 agreements attached to planning approvals during 2015/16.

A total of 21 Section 106 agreements were made in the 12 months between April 1, 2015 and March 31, 2016. These agreements require housing developers to make a financial contribution to the Vale as a condition of their planning permission. The total value of the financial contributions in these legal agreements was £8,029,190.

The council uses this funding to provide or enhance infrastructure, education and community facilities.

During 2015/16, this money was used to fund additional school places, new public transport links, improved pavements and cycle paths, public art schemes, upgrades to parks and children's play areas, and opportunities for training and development.

The most high-profile examples include the expansion of Llanfair

Primary School and Ysgol Dewi Sant, upgrades to the Gileston Road and St Athan crossroads, improvements to the Barry Island Causeway, new pedestrian crossings at Buttrills Road and Holton Road, new bus shelters in Barry and Llandough, the Port Road cycleway in Barry, the refurbishment of the

George Street play area in Barry, and the Buddy bench scheme at Llangan Primary School. The planning obligation requirements secured in the last year have also included 'in-kind' obligations such as provision of on-site public open space and public art, and on-site affordable housing.

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Group's tour of medieval marvel

Sully U3A history group at Raglan castle.



TEN members of Sully U3A history group visited Raglan castle, one of the most splendid late medieval castles in Wales, built by Sir William Ap Thomas.

His son, William Herbert, Earl of Pembroke, turned it into one of the most impressive homes in Wales, before being beheaded by the 'King Maker' – the Earl of Warwick in 1469.

In the 16th century, the castle was owned by the Somerset family, the Earls of Worcester, who transformed it into a magnificent Elizabethan house, with one of the finest Renaissance gardens in the country.

Its days of splendour ended in the Civil War when it was besieged by the Parliamentary army, led by Lord Fairfax. After its surrender in 1646, it became a ruin. SC

Testing times for the breast help group

SINCE the withdrawal of the mobile breast test vehicle from Dinas Powys, the local community council has attempted to have the facility restored.

Helen Moore and Non Lawrence of Breast Test Wales attended the monthly council meeting to respond to councillors' concerns.

They reported that the unit require significant space, access and a suitable location. The total weight of the rig is around 16 tonnes.

Coun Margaret Hayley, as chair, welcomed the speakers.

Helen Moore stated that the sites suggested by councillors were unsuitable, due to the size of the unit, and a smaller mobile unit is not available.

Councillors asked if it is an option to use a large supermarket car



ABOVE: Non Lawrence, Coun Margaret Hayley, and Helen Moore.

park as a location for the unit, but it was suggested that it would be more sensible for patients to go to Penarth. The Tesco car park in Penarth was given as an example.

Ms Lawrence stated that next year's appointments were already planned. From January to April 2017, the examinations would be held at

Cathedral Road, Cardiff. The council was told that appointments were made approximately six months in advance.

BTW representatives indicated that if Tesco Penarth gives permission, it is hoped that the residents of Dinas Powys will be able to attend their appointments in Penarth in 2020. CF

Abi reaps a top Wales Woman Farmer Award!

ABI READER, a dairy farmer from Wenvoe, was crowned NFU Cymru/Principality Building Society Wales Woman Farmer of the Year at the Royal Welsh Show on July 21.

The award, now in its 20th year, recognises the contribution that women make to the agricultural industry and to raise the profile of women in farming.

Abi is a partner, along with her father and uncle, in the family farm. It comprises approximately 800 acres with the main enterprise being the dairy herd, which Abi manages. Abi was successfully elected as the Glamorgan NFU Cymru County Chairman in 2014 and has seized this opportunity to meet with influential industry members and lobby for change.

Off the farm, Abi is also extremely busy, hosting farm open days, charity events and more recently 'Cows On Tour', a roadshow that visits primary schools to tell the farming story, a subject close to her heart. Abi is particularly keen to educate the next generation of consumers and strives to show children that Welsh farming is an industry

WHAT A 'FAB' PRIZE!



Abi Reader, winner of the Wales Woman Farmer of the Year award at the Royal Welsh Show.

worth backing. NFU Cymru deputy president, John Davies, said: "I have known Abi for a number of years and in this time she has shown great enthusiasm and passion for the industry. She works tirelessly on and off the farm and always gives a hundred percent to everything she does."

Abi's nickname within the YFC circle is 'Fab' and this just says it all. She is heavily involved with all aspects of YFC and is currently Maendy YFC Vice President. She has complete commitment to her farm and her work for the industry as a whole. Abi is a shining example for the title of Wales Woman Farmer of the Year.

Abi also won plaudits

FUN IN THE SUN! THE Vale Council is running a series of events for children and families throughout the school break.

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ITUNES AND CLOTHING... The items clocked up on (your) Welsh Government's £7.5m credit card bill

A **FREEDOM** of information request to the Welsh Government has revealed the scale of its spending on credit cards – known as 'procurement cards'.

The released information provides a detailed breakdown of each of the 12,648 individual transactions, giving the public an insight into where their money is spent.

Spend by Welsh Government staff on the credit cards averaged

£1.5m a year over the five-year Assembly term; £1.4 million was spent by the 237 active cards in 2015/16.

Also revealed in the information request was a list of thousands of individual transactions during 2015/16, outlined in a 259-page document.

The Welsh Government has stressed that all purchases are reviewed by line managers. Some of the more eye-catching purchases included £103.91 at Victoria's Secret which advertise their products as the "sexiest bras, lingerie and women's

fashion"; £377.31 on iTunes subscriptions; £370.70 on luxury yachtwear; £1,569.10 on Welsh cakes; and £279.90 at ToysRUs.

On three occasions, Welsh Government credit cards were charged for accommodation at the Hotel New Otani, Tokyo – claims totalling £1,450.76.

There were also payments of £9,043.79 for accommodation at the world-famous Raffles hotel in Beijing, and cards were also billed for entry to the Plage Goeland in Cannes on two occasions. In addition, the

document details an £832.81 payment to Swedish furniture store Ikea, and another bill from Toys R Us was for £279.90. There was also a payment of £370.70 for goods and services purchased from a yacht-wear company.

Welsh Conservative Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Nick Ramsay, said the public had to have confidence procurement cards were being used wisely.

He said: "Huge sums of public money continue to be spent on Welsh Government credit cards, with staff having racked up £7.5 million in bills since 2011.

"While we accept that procurement cards have a role to play in reducing the bureaucratic cost of processing small claims, the number of staff with access to them continues to grow and some of the claims involved are eye-watering and require explanation.

"Millions of pounds are being spent on these cards, and the public needs to have confidence that the system isn't

being abused and that the taxpayer is getting value for money."

A Welsh Government spokesperson said: "The use of procurement cards is common across all central government departments in the United Kingdom.

"They are an efficient way of ordering and paying for small value goods and services, and reduce administration costs. Procurement cards also provide flexibility, particularly when staff are travelling and last minute costs need to be incurred.

"All purchases made on procurement cards are reviewed and approved retrospectively by line managers, and subject to regular audit. As a result of our rigorous internal audit processes, we are content that transactions are in line with Welsh Government business objectives.

"The Victoria's Secret expenditure was as a result of credit card fraud, and the spend has been returned."

Minted in the Vale!

VISITORS to the Royal Mint Experience in Llantrisant can now enjoy packages including afternoon tea or a stay at the four-star Vale Resort in Hensol, which is offering guests the chance to see the other side of the coin and discover the history of British currency with a visit to The Royal Mint's new visitor attraction, 'The Royal Mint Experience'.

The mint's doors were opened to the public in May this year, following the completion of the 'Royal Mint Experience' attraction, giving visitors a glimpse into the manufacturing journey of a coin.

The Royal Mint was founded in 886AD and began to move to south Wales from Tower Hill in London in 1968. It is the only body permitted to strike British coinage and military medals.

For more information about the Vale Resort and its Royal Mint Experience packages, visit www.vale-hotel.com, and to find out more about the Royal Mint, visit www.royalmint.com.



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Another Green Flag in Vale

AT this year's Green Flag award ceremony, the Vale Council's parks department was awarded another Green Flag Award – for Barry Island Promenade.

The first flags were awarded in 1997 and since then, the Vale has received awards for seven green spaces, including the latest award.

The other Green Flag locations in the Vale are: Penarth's Belle Vue Park, the Vale's first award winner, Barry's Victoria Park, Romilly Park, Central

Park, Alexandra Park/Windsor Gardens and Knap Gardens.

Green spaces managed by volunteer and community groups, were also in the awards. The Green Flag Community Award was awarded to four new locations in the Vale this year: Barry Community Garden, Birch Grove Woodlands, Old Hall Gardens and Elizabethan Orchard were the new additions.

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Spielberg's take on The BFG is missing magic and charm

ROALD DAHL'S relationship with cinema is a long and complex one: the author's first brush with the silver screen came when writing the script for *You Only*

Live Twice, followed by *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*. However, Dahl's relationship to cinematic adaptations of his own work got off to a bad start as he was deeply unhappy with the 1971, Gene Wilder-starring *Willy Wonka & The Chocolate*

Factory (most notably in the title change). Since then many of his works have been adapted for the big screen, but few have captured the magic with which the author imbued his written works. The next man to take on Dahl is Steven Spielberg, whose adaptation of *The BFG* is in the cinemas.

It tells the story of Sophie (Ruby Barnhill), an orphan who is captured by a giant, the Big Friendly Giant of the title (played by Mark Rylance). Despite his intimidating presence, the giant – who catches dreams – promises to look after Sophie (and most certainly not eat her!).

However, Sophie's place in Dream Country is threatened by larger giants who are not so friendly – and she and the BFG go on an adventure to stay one step ahead of the threat...

While there is no doubting the skill and ability of Steven Spielberg, the director's recent output has been balanced between films that have been deep and meaningful (such as *Lincoln* and *War Horse*) and films that have been somewhat disposable in nature, such as *The Terminal* and *The Adventures of Tintin*.

On the surface, while perhaps not in the 'deep and meaningful' category, a director with Spielberg's subtlety and skill in wringing out emotion and awe in equal measure should have no issues tackling *The BFG* – and yet what makes it on screen feels like the sort of film that the 'Berg has knocked out between bigger projects, lacking the care and attention that would make what is an average film, with the odd moment, something far greater.

He's on to a winner with the portrayal of the titular character, Mark Rylance absolutely tremendous as the BFG.



by
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Motion captured with incredible detail and attention, Rylance savours the particular dialogue and sprinkles magical dust wherever he goes, investing the character with a melancholic delight that the script never really highlights.

Newcomer Ruby Barnhill doesn't fare quite as well as Sophie – while her sense of wonder and strong will comes through, there's often a disconnect in her performance with the larger film, a sense, perhaps, that no matter how sophisticated CGI can be, actors still require that physical space in order to get the best out of their roles.

Spielberg's visual sense doesn't desert him, the film looking beautifully crooked and beautifully realised, with Janusz Kaminski's photography as ever gorgeous; but there isn't any stand-out moments, no awe-inspiring shots that really capture the magic that's taking place. It's reminiscent of *Hook* at times, the same visual sensibility but allied to something that never truly focuses in on its story and, indeed, its characters.

The BFG is the final screenplay from the late Melissa Mathison (who also wrote *ET*), yet sadly doesn't capture either the tone or the

feeling of Roald Dahl's book. Instead, we are hurtled into the story with very little exposition and continue at that pace throughout without the story ever taking stock of where it is and what it's attempting to do.

It also feels elongated in the extreme – there is an additional subplot about meeting the Queen that comes out of thin air and plays into the film's climax, yet even that feels stunted and unfocused, with the end of the film lacking any real drama.

The screenplay, and subsequently the film, never really establishes the stakes or the impact of events on the characters; instead it seems happy to just plough on and as such we never truly get inside the characters, while the relationship between the BFG and Sophie, which should be the emotional core of the film, instead just plays out with a whimper.

Fans of the book (and there's plenty of them) will find more delight in re-reading Dahl's prose (and Quentin Blake's gorgeous illustrations) than they will in this film; those less versed in the world of *The BFG* may enjoy some moments, but ultimately there is nothing here to wow you.

VERDICT: A disappointing take on Roald Dahl's iconic character, made even more surprising by who is in the director's chair, *The BFG* lacks the charm and magic to truly resonate. While Steven Spielberg coaxes a beautiful performance from Mark Rylance, there is very little else to see in this mis-step from the director.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Hook* (1991), *Alice In Wonderland* (2010).

*Read Gareth's review of *Star Trek Beyond* on our website.

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Artemis Trio.

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Bingo in Rhoose

THE committee at Rhoose Community Hall is holding a fundraising Bingo afternoon on Saturday, July 30.

Doors open at the hall in Stewart Road at 1.45pm for a 2.30pm start.

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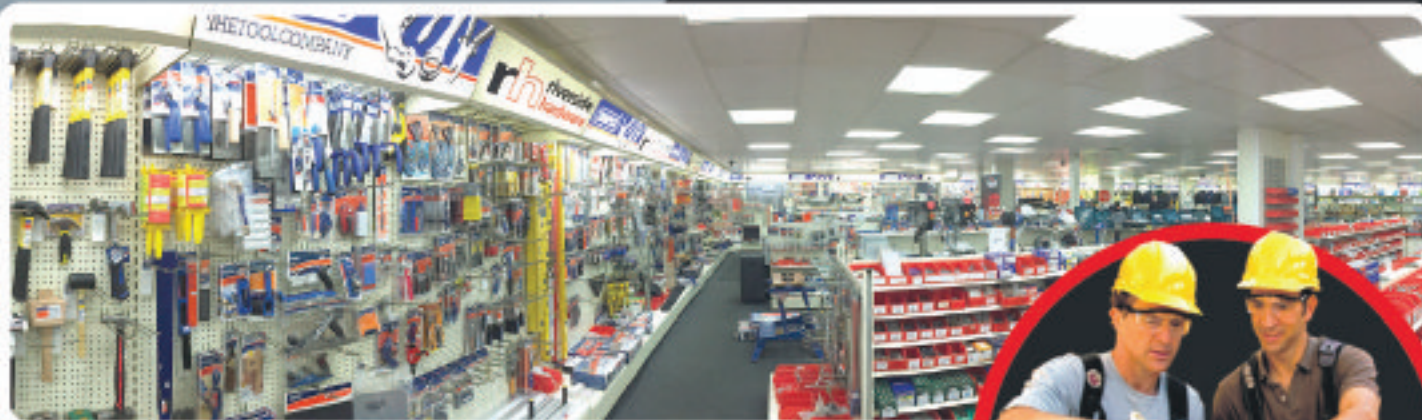
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CADETS' GET-TOGETHER IN CAMP... Science, technology, engineering and maths day



Alex Cheeseley, Rhys Williams, Kieren Bushell, Tash Gill and Rhys Horton at STEM camp.



James Jelinski, Kieren Bushell and Rhys Williams conducting resistance experiments.

AIR Cadets from 372 (Barry) Squadron joined 300 air cadets from Wales, West Mercia, Staffordshire and Merseyside to learn about science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM).

The camps aim to encourage young people to enjoy STEM subjects, by offering hands-on experiences that motivate and inspire. There is no better way to experience the power of engineering than by seeing first-hand how to solve real life problems.

During the action-packed camp, the cadets took part in a wide range of activities including 'CSI-style' forensics at a 'murder' scene, building drones and speakers,

programming robots, radio communications, remote control cars, building bridges and many more activities helped by many knowledgeable instructors and also Sappers from the Royal Engineers. The camp was also a means of gaining valuable employment skills for the future.

Camps such as these are a great opportunity to participate in a range of different activities as well as meet lots of new people.

Cadet Harrison Gould said: "I really enjoyed the STEM camp it was brilliant, there was so much to see and do during our four days. It was also great to meet air cadets from around the UK."

The cadets who attended the camp were Tash Gill, Connor James, Rhys and Rhian Horton, Rhys Williams, Dan Broadbent, Alex Cheeseley, Oliver Fudge, Gethin Lodge, Sam Smith, Jamey

Pengilly, Harrison Gould and Zena Poulakis.

The cadets also undertake many other exciting activities and opportunities including flying, gliding, shooting, sports, adventure training, team building exercises, expeditions, fieldcraft training and the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

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• 372 Squadron welcomes all young men and women between 12 in school year-8 (17 years old). The squadron parades at 5th Barry Scouts on Everard Street, Barry. Monday at 7:30pm to 9:30pm and Wednesday at 7pm to 9:30pm. You can also contact the squadron on 07486 501864, email oc.372@aircadets.org.uk or visit www.372squadron.org.uk for more information about becoming an Air Cadet.

HIGHS AND LOWS ALONG THE COASTLINE FOR CUBS



THE 1st Penmark with Porthkerry Scouts have been kept very busy lately!

In June, they attended the 'All Wales Scout Camp' at Bwlth Wells and are off to Ireland for 10 days this month for a joint camp with Explorers.

In between, they have also fitted in some work at their woods, and had an awards and presentation night.

It was a huge success and something the Scout group hopes to repeat in the future.

Cubs visited Nells Point Coast Watch station and Nash Point lighthouse.

They also collected rubbish along their adopted coastal path between Fontygary and Rhose beach, visiting the most southerly point along the way, also the lowest point along the coast and a high point when they climbed to the top of the lighthouse.

Beavers and Cubs have also had a joint night where they played a new game called ships and lighthouses and made 'armpit fudge' – delicious!

The family camp is taking place in October for all Scout sections, so if you are intending to come, make sure you get in touch to sort out your application to the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).

If you would like more information about the group, or would like to get involved, please contact the group Scout leader on Gsl@penmarkscouts.org.uk. PCR



Neighbourly tea and entertainment in Barry

MORE than 60 Friends and Neighbours recently enjoyed a delicious strawberry cream tea at Beryl Road Pioneer Hall in Barry.

Everyone enjoyed the afternoon. Ladies wore best frocks and hats to mark the occasion and Pimm's was enjoyed by all, as were soft drinks. Entertainment was provided by local musician and guitarist Bobby Newman, who got the audience singing along to well known lyrics and dancing in the aisles and hands were clapping.

A competition was held and Bobby (our Simon Cowell!) along with Sue

and Betty, judged the hats as the ladies took to the catwalk.

Following a difficult decision, all those who took part were cheered. Prizes were presented to, in first place, Ann Jones; second Angela Husbands, in third Sheila Harvey and fourth Sue Vater. A raffle was then held followed by refreshments.

Members paid for mystery trip in August and a vote of thanks was given to Bobby and volunteers for their help.

Further information available on 01446 400044. Please note that there is now a waiting list. GF

St Cyres boys change thatch for LATCH

LAST weekend, three Barry boys raised money for the children's cancer charity LATCH by adopting striking new hairstyles for the summer.

Joseph Parfitt and Jacob Peterson dyed their hair purple, while Zack Kingston-Butler shaved off all of his hair. Together they raised more than £300 and are still collecting on their 'justgiving' page.

The boys, who are all pupils at St Cyres School, decided to publicise their challenge on their YouTube



Going from blond to purple!

channel, which is called 'The JZs'.

On this channel, they upload weekly videos and have now uploaded a video showing them having their hair dyed (or



The three boys after the challenge.

removed as in Zack's case).

Zack Kingston-Butler told The GEM: "We did the hair challenge in Bliss Hair Design in Cadoxton, and we are

very grateful to them for opening on a Sunday.

"We chose LATCH because we all knew a family member or friend who had been affected by cancer.

"LATCH aims to keep children and their families together while battling cancer, because hospital can be a scary place for a child who is alone."

Donations to their fundraising effort can be made justgiving.com/thejzs

Security session

THE Vale of Glamorgan Council-led Barry Communities First is running an information session on a career in the security industry.

The course, on August 4 at 1pm will be held at Barry Jobcentre Plus, Holton Road.

For more details, contact Communities First on 01446 709432 or email Communitiesfirst@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

Rhws Primary School playground receives welcome addition

PUPILS at Rhws Primary School have a brand-new playhouse in their playground to help them make the most of play time – and it's all thanks to the team at Aberthaw Cement Plant.

Rhws Primary School was updating its play facilities for its young pupils and wanted to add a new, modern playhouse to the items in its playground, and got in touch with the cement plant team to see if it could help.

Aberthaw Cement Plant manager, Chris Bradbury, said: "When we were approached by the school to see if we could help, we jumped at the opportunity. Many of our workers live locally and have children and grandchildren that attend Rhws Primary School, so we wanted to show our support.

"Also, some day in the future, youngsters attending the school may be looking for a career as part of our team on site, and we wanted to let them know who we are and what we do at the plant."

The playhouse has been erected in the school playground and members of the cement plant team visited the school to see how the children like and use their new facility.

Rhws Primary School foundation phase leader, Kelsey Bibey, said: "We are really grateful to the Tarmac team at the Aberthaw Cement Plant for kindly stepping in to help. As soon as we asked for their help, they got things moving and all the children would like to say a big 'thank you' for giving them their fantastic new playhouse."

"I'm sure this will be the start of a great relationship with Aberthaw Cement Plant, which will benefit both the plant and our pupils."

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'Council has delivered on long-standing pledges'

I AM delighted to be able to report that this month has seen the Vale Council deliver on several long-standing pledges.

Firstly, and perhaps most significantly, July saw the partial opening of the new Barry Waterfront link road, a vital piece of infrastructure that, before the Vale Council stepped in, was not due to open until 2018/9.

We have long known the importance of a second road in making life easier for residents and visitors travelling to and from Barry Island at peak times.

This is why we have worked so hard to ensure the alternative exit route is open for this year's summer holidays.

With the busiest time of year for the resort just around the corner, we have now reached a point where the new road can be opened whilst still allowing the development of the surrounding area to continue.

This opening has had to be a compromise to allow the exit route to take place safely whilst the area is still a building site.

The latest phase on the Persimmon site nearest Harbour Road car park should be complete by the end of September and the one way system will be in operation until at least that time.

We are aware that for those parking in the Harbour View Car Park and wanting to travel either back to the Island or that general direction, they will have to take a detour back along Broad Street, but in order to allow the road to open and meet the

stringent traffic management requirements, there was no alternative.

Even though there will be some disruption, we believe this will make a very real difference both to local residents and the fortunes of the resort as a whole, which continues to go from strength to strength.

The second road will be complemented by the new Causeway footpath and cycleway running from the Ship Inn junction, to the Old Harbour Car Park.

The upgraded path, complete with refurbished railings, lighting and seating, has been fully funded by the Vale Council and we believe that it will make travelling to the island by bicycle or on foot more attractive, further helping to ease congestion at busy times.

You may have seen recent press coverage relating to Barry Island beach and the rubbish left by visitors at the end of each day.

I am as disappointed as anyone at this disregard for fellow visitors, residents and the environment by some uncaring people.

It is an insult to our dedicated resort team that works tirelessly to make the beach and the island, in general, an attractive place for locals and visitors alike.

We have more than 100 bins in the area with cleansing staff working hard each day to keep the beach and surrounding area clean and safe for everyone to enjoy.

All we ask is that visitors either place their litter in one of the many bins or take it home with them to dispose of responsibly. Currently, the council is consulting with local traders on initiatives to encourage visitors to respect the beach.

Although we all long for a good summer, I hope that we can enjoy days out, without having to put up with litter louts spoiling the visit.

Please let's encourage everyone not to spoil this beautiful coastline.

VIEW FROM THE VALE



by Coun
**NEIL
MOORE**
Leader of the
Vale of
Glamorgan
Council

Elsewhere in Barry, we are making good on our commitment to invest in education, with construction works now underway on a £100,000 investment into Barry library that will see the building transformed into a learning hub for the Vale.

Once improvements to the building are complete, the library will have gained three classrooms, a computer suite, office space and a crèche. It will then become the new home of the 'Vale of Glamorgan Open Learning Centre'.

Besides all of this I am very proud to be able to report that the council has in the past month set in motion plans to build the first new council-owned housing in the county for 17 years.

A total of £3million has been budgeted for the building of new homes in 2016/17. Plans were agreed at a meeting of the council's cabinet on July 11 that could see construction underway as early as September, on two developments for new homes for families with disabled adults and children.

We have done so because we know that the Vale needs more adapted affordable housing designed to accommodate those people with a disability. This is

an extremely important development and I cannot wait to welcome the first families to their new homes. There have been other high points this month too, such as welcoming the Wales football team back home as they landed in the Vale – or perhaps I can amusingly say the 'Bale' of Glamorgan.

It was great to see so many fans of all ages meet them at the airport and along the length of Port Road to Culverhouse Cross, and being some of the first to cheer the national team on home soil.

For those parents and grandparents who, like me, are looking forward to a summer with the children and are now looking for days out for the whole family, I would remind you that, as always, the Vale Council has put together a lengthy and full programme of events, which began with last weekend's very successful 'Isle of Fire' event.

From initial reports it looks like there were double the numbers attending this year than last year. Check out the full programme of Barry Island weekend events on adverts throughout the Island, in the press and, of course, on the Vale Council's website.

But there are more events elsewhere throughout the Vale and leading up to this year's events we have worked with a range of organisations, including town and community councils, to broaden the range of activities and locations even further.

So whether you are interested in play schemes in Llantwit Major, building dens at Cosmeston, or pony trekking in St Bride's Major, this year, there really is something for everyone.

In fact, there are over 200 activities listed in the programme and I'd urge all GEM readers to log onto the council's website at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk and check out what is happening in their area.

Finally, can I close by wishing everyone an enjoyable summer, whatever you do or wherever you visit.

National Poet Gillian comes home

BARRY'S Gillian Clarke returns home tomorrow (July 29) for one of her final readings as the National Poet for Wales, speaking as part of the Talking Points series at the Grind House on Barry High Street.

Raised in the town, she has been the National Poet for Wales for eight years, but hands over the responsibility this summer.

An accomplished poet for many years, she was awarded the Queen's Gold Medal for Poetry in 2010 and the Wilfred Owen Award 2012.

Gillian's poetry tackles many issues, but some of interest include the day when a cargo of oranges crashed in Barry, delighting the town's children in a time of rationing, and the wars in Iraq and the Middle East in recent decades.

Her recent books include the collection *Ice*, which was shortlisted for the TS Eliot Award in 2012, *The Christmas Wren*.



GILLIAN CLARKE.

published in 2014 and a collection of selected poems published this year by Picador. She is currently working on a new collection called *Zoology*.

Gillian's poetry can be seen around Barry – on the outside walls of Barry library and on the pavement on the Waterfront, by the Premier Inn.

Talking Points events are at the Grind House, 86 High Street at 5pm and last one hour. Entry is £5, including coffee and cake. As there are limited spaces, please reserve a place in advance from Dot Connell on 07982 319456 or buy a ticket at the shop.

The event is sponsored by Barry Town Council and Newydd Housing. **IJ**

Cenotaph may be refurbished

COUN Emma Pritchard, the Labour leader of Barry Town Council, has announced that the council has approached the Memorial Hall Theatre Charitable Trust with a view to refurbishing the Cenotaph.

Coun Pritchard said that this important focal point for the people of Barry had sustained weather damage over the years and it is now time to refurbish it to honour the people it stands to represent.

The council has received a response from the Memorial Hall and talks are set to take place on August 3.

Dinas councillors provide update on former school site

In response to concerns about the future of the former St Cyres School site in Dinas Powys, local councillors have continued to attempt to find out what is happening.

Couns Chris Franks and Val Hartrey have had a face to face discussion with the Vale Council's managing director.

It now appears that negotiations are still

continuing with the potential developer. The local development plan allocation for the site is 300 houses.

Coun Franks said: "Plaid has been concerned to learn of what is being proposed. It's been very frustrating that we have not been able to keep residents in the loop. We have been told that this is due to commercially sensitive negotiations."

"It was indicated that full details would be available last October,

but since then there has been only rumour."

Fellow Plaid councillor Val Hartrey added: "The managing director reports that nothing has been formally agreed through the planning process and that there is no detail available as yet about off-site foul drainage, traffic measures and the layout of the housing."

"This will only become available if and when the planning process commences. It has again been confirmed that it is the intention, subject to constraints, that seven acres of land within the 30 acres would be for community use."

"We wish there to be improved public liaison between the Vale Council, the developers and the community, but have been told that this can only take place when commercially sensitive land transactions are concluded."

Vale couple's honeymoon competition

FRESH from tying the knot, newly-weds Lisa and Stuart Jones are hoping to continue the overseas excitement as they bid to win an all-inclusive honeymoon, courtesy of a leading travel firm.

The couple, from Llandough, Penarth, exchanged vows earlier this year in a ceremony on Cyprus, in front of a camera crew from Thomson Weddings.

The holiday firm is offering one lucky couple a chance to be whisked off on the honeymoon of their dreams.

After the first round of voting in April, Thomson's 'Happy Ever After' competition has

reached the home straight.

Lisa and Stuart are now calling on friends and family for support as they attempt to beat off competition from two other newly-wed couples and pack their bags for a fortnight's break at the Royalton Riviera Cancun Hotel in Mexico.

The competition, loosely based on the concept of Sky's TV show 'Four Weddings', allows social media users to vote for their favourite elements of entrants' ceremonies – including the dress, venue, theme and finishing touches, based on a series of pictures and short videos from the day.

'PM is a champion for Wales' – says Tory leader



New Prime Minister, Theresa May, is pictured with Andrew RT Davies, AM and Secretary of State for Wales, Alun Cairns, MP for the Vale.

WELSH Tory leader Andrew RT Davies AM has described Prime Minister Theresa May as a "fantastic advocate and champion" for Wales.

They met at the Welsh National Assembly during her first visit as PM when she had talks with Wales' First Minister, Carwyn Jones

AM. Afterwards, Mr Davies said: "The new Prime Minister has shown her commitment and dedication to Wales with a visit so early in her premiership, and she is clearly a fantastic advocate and champion for our country."

"From the Assembly, Welsh Conservatives will work shoulder to shoulder with the new Prime Minister, to ensure that Wales enjoys a bright, successful future at this exciting time for the UK."

Councillor is delighted as X91 service confirmed

LAST week, Coun Jeff James from Rhose presented a petition to the Vale Council to take urgent action to restore two bus services for the village.

He told THE GEM that it would be "outrageous" if the village lost the X91 service, robbing it of a direct service to Cardiff.

This week, Coun James announced: "There is great news! I had previously had a meeting with an officer in the transportation

section (Vale Council) making them aware of the issues, and adding that I intended to present a petition to the council."

"I have now been advised that the X91 service will once again serve East Aberthaw, Rhose and Porthkerry from the September 4 – a fantastic result!"

"I would like to thank all who took the time to sign the petition."

Coun James added: "I will keep up the pressure for the NAT 303 and 304 services to be restored to Fonmon and Fonmon Road."

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CastleBarry
A free alternative to the GlastonBarry event this weekend, CastleBarry, is a two-day family event at Castle Bar, Jewel Street, Barry on Saturday (July 30) from 4pm – 11.30pm and Sunday (July 31) from 4pm – 10.30pm.

Beer garden; music courtesy of DJ Ubuntu (Hooper).

All ages welcome: "Just come and go as you please and enjoy good music and good company," was the organisers' message.

TODDLERS, RABBITS AND WITCHES TAKE PART IN LOCAL 'TRAIL' RUNNING FESTIVAL

The winner, Andrew Tuckey (Bridgend AC); second place Neil Jones (Cwm Ogwr Runners, on right); third Peter Williams (Bridgend AC) left.
Photo by Ian Dixon.



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IMAGE BY OLIVER ROCHE-CLARKE



Photo by Gareth Hardman.



MORE than 300 runners took part recently in the first Merthyr Mawr Trail Running Festival held around the stunning private grounds of Merthyr Mawr Estate.

While other parts of the UK were basking in glorious sunshine, the runners and event volunteers at Merthyr Mawr were greeted with mist and drizzle – perfect trail running conditions!

The festival was organised by local running club Bridgend AC, with the kind support of estate owner Rory McLaggan, who opened up private parts of the estate for the runners to enjoy, helped set up the course and was the official starter of each race.

Rory said: "It was lovely to see so many smiling faces, young and old running around the Merthyr Mawr estate despite the challenging conditions and I look forward to welcoming everyone back next year."

There were distances to suit everyone – from the Toddler Dash, 2km 'Bunny Run' and the 4km 'River Run' for the younger runners to the seven-mile 'Rabbit Run'



Photo by Gareth Hardman.

Photo by Ian Dixon.



and longest of the event, the 18 mile 'Witches Run'.

The Rabbit and Witches runners had to negotiate plenty of mud, sand, hills and the now infamous river crossing on their way to completing the respective courses – but that's what trail running is all about!

The 18-mile 'Witches Run' was won by Bridgend AC's Cowbridge-based Australian ultra runner Andrew Tuckey, with Neil Jones (Cwm Ogwr Runners) in second, and

Pete Williams (Bridgend AC) in third.

Andrew, who has recently completed the Comrades 56-mile ultra race in South African and the 100-mile Western States ultra in America said the race "had everything you want from a trail race and is a fantastic location to run around".

The first lady home in the 'Witches Run' was local runner Jess Hegarty (Cornelly Striders,) followed by Fiona Davies in third place with Sarah Adams in third.

The seven-mile 'Rabbit Run' was won by Cardiff AAC's Bridgend-based runner James Hunt followed by Mathew Powell and James's father Rob Hunt (Bridgend AC) in third.

Pencoed Triathlon Club's Ruth Davies was the first lady home, followed by Aine Kenny in second and Becca Jones in third.

The event has received many positive comments from the runners, and organisers are keen to build on the success of the inaugural event to deliver an improved event in 2017.

Race director Steve Brace said: "We would like to thank Rory McLaggan from the Merthyr Mawr estate and all the volunteers and marshals that worked behind the scenes to put the event on."

"We have received lots of feedback from the runners that we will go through to ensure the 2017 edition of the Merthyr Mawr Trail Running Festival is bigger and better".



Photo by Ian Dixon.

PORTHCAWL'S COLOURFUL CARNIVAL BRINGS SUNSHINE AND FUN TO TOWN

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WAS Porthcawl lucky with the weather for its carnival this year?

Well, the carnival field at Porthcawl RFC hosts a Sunday morning car boot sale, and that was cancelled after the rains came down, so the organisers had a narrow escape!

The carnival was blessed with beautiful weather and throngs of people lined the entire route to watch the parade.

Carnival co-ordinator Kerry Marlow said: "The floats were imaginatively designed and colourful and, in particular, the Ancient Briton entertained the crowds with music.

"We were also entertained by the Pre Hee Men, Hats for Fun, South Cymru Sapphires Marching Band and the comedy marching band, Westside Allstars.

"On the packed carnival field we were further entertained by Joseph Peace Fire Stunts and a session by the youth of Porthcawl Rock Club and the children were entertained by 'Hats for Fun' magical workshop.

"Local charities and good causes exhibited their wares on the field. The organisers wish to thank the local business community for advertising in the programme, road hauliers for the supply of lorries, our band of volunteers for ensuring the event was a success and more importantly the public for turning out in thousands to support the event and for their kind donations.

"Our donations are distributed to causes within our community."

The winners of the procession were as follows:
Children's float first prize, Porthcawl Sea Cadets; second, Adran y Urdd.

Adult float first prize, Happy Valley Caravan Park; second Porthcawl Community Orchestra.

Walkers – the Sand Witches.





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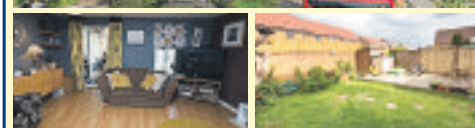
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- IDEAL FIRST TIME BUY
- ER=D

£137,500

NEW

CLOS CELYN, BARRY

- MODERN SEMI DETACHED
- TWO BEDROOMS (MASTER EN SUITE)
- WC CLOAKROOM
- LIVING ROOM WITH FRENCH DOORS OPENING
- ONTO REAR GARDEN
- FITTED KITCHEN/DINER
- DRIVEWAY TO THE REAR
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- ER=C

£145,000

NEW

WOODLANDS ROAD, BARRY

- MID TERRACED
- LIVING ROOM WITH PARQUET FLOORING
- DINING ROOM OPENING INTO KITCHEN
- THREE BEDROOMS
- FAMILY BATHROOM
- UPVC D/G & GCH VIA COMBI
- LITTLE ROOM WITH SEA VIEWS
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- ER=D

£149,950

NEW

BUTTRILLS ROAD, BARRY

- THREE BEDROOMS
- TRADITIONAL SEMI DETACHED
- TWO REC. ROOMS
- ENCLOSED GARDEN
- DRIVEWAY/GARAGE
- OFFERED WITH NO CHAIN
- ER=E

£195,000

NEW

JENNER ROAD, BARRY

- EXTENDED END OF TERRACE
- SPACIOUS ACCOMMODATION
- LIVING/DINING ROOM
- DINING ROOM, KITCHEN/BREAKFAST
- THREE BEDROOMS
- FAMILY BATHROOM
- ATTIC CONVERSION TO REGULATIONS
- ENCLOSED BIFT GARDEN
- GARAGE WITH REAR LANE ACCESS
- ER=E

£244,950

NEW

BROOKFIELD AVENUE, BARRY

- SPACIOUS DETACHED PROPERTY
- THREE BEDROOMS (MASTER EN SUITE)
- WC CLOAKROOM
- LIVING ROOM & DINING ROOM
- SPACIOUS FITTED KITCHEN
- SETTING ROOM (CONVERTED GARAGE)
- AMPLE PARKING SPACE
- NO CHAIN
- ER=C

£244,950

NEW

TANY FRON, BARRY

- SEMI DETACHED
- THREE BEDROOMS
- LIVING ROOM LEADING TO DINING ROOM
- STUDY/UTILITY AREA
- THREE BEDROOMS
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- DOUBLE DRIVEWAY
- ENCLOSED GARDEN WITH WORKSHOP AND SAUNA
- ER=D

£284,950

NEW

GLAMORGAN STREET, BARRY

- MID TERRACED TRADITIONAL
- THREE BEDROOMS
- FITTED KITCHEN
- LIVING ROOM WITH ROLL TOP BATH
- THREE BEDROOMS
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- LANE ACCESS
- NO CHAIN
- MINUTES WALK TO PORTHERRY PARK
- ER=D

£149,950

NEW

BUTTRILLS ROAD, BARRY

- LOWER GROUND LEVEL
- TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT
- LIVING ROOM
- FITTED KITCHEN
- FAMILY BATHROOM
- PARKING IN BLOCK
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- VIEWING A MUST
- ER=C

£94,950

NEW

FORSTER STREET, BARRY

- END OF TERRACED PROPERTY
- LIVING ROOM
- TWO BEDROOMS
- MODERN FAMIL BATHROOM
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- VIEWING A MUST
- WELL PRESENTED
- ER=D

£95,500

NEW

RHEIDOL DRIVE, BARRY

- EXTENDED DETACHED DWELLING
- W.C. CLOAKROOM
- DINING ROOM, KITCHEN/BREAKFAST
- SITTING RM
- FOUR BEDROOMS - ENSUITE
- INTEGRAL GARAGE/DRIVEWAY
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN WITH POND
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL
- ER=C

£274,950

NEW

BASSETT STREET, BARRY

- FITTED KITCHEN
- DINING ROOM
- FITTED KITCHEN
- ATTIC ROOM
- ENTRANCE PORCH
- CONVENIENT LOCATION
- GCH VIA COMBI
- NO CHAIN
- ER=E

£117,950

NEW

SPRING STREET, BARRY

- MID TERRACED TRADITIONAL
- 3 BEDROOMS
- THROUGH LIVING DINING ROOM
- FITTED KITCHEN
- CONSERVATORY
- MASTER EN SUITE
- GARAGE & OFF ROAD PARKING
- UPVC THROUGHOUT
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING VIA COMBI
- ER=D

£161,000

NEW

ST OSYTH COURT, BARRY

- DETACHED FUL APARTMENT
- FAR REACHING SEA VIEWS
- LIVING ROOM
- MODERN FITTED KITCHEN
- ATTIC ROOM
- FUTURE BEATING
- SPACIOUS BALCONY
- UPVC D/G & GCH VIA COMBI
- NO CHAIN
- ER=C

£165,000

NEW

TREM MAPGOLL, BARRY

- 3 STOREY TOWN HOUSE
- INTEGRAL GARAGE & CLOAKROOM
- 1ST FL. LOUNGE & KITCHEN/BREAKFAST
- FRENCH DOORS OPENING ONTO REAR GARDEN
- END FL. 3 BEDROOMS
- MASTER EN SUITE
- DRIVEWAY
- NO CHAIN
- ER=C

£184,950

NEW

BARRY ROAD, BARRY

- TRADITIONAL SEMI DETACHED
- LIVING ROOM LEADING TO DINING ROOM
- KITCHEN/BREAKFAST
- W.C. CLOAKROOM
- FAMILY BATHROOM
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- GARAGE/LANE ACCESS
- DOUBLE EXTENSION TO REAR
- VIEWING A MUST
- ER=D

£194,950

NEW

PORT ROAD EAST, BARRY

- MODERN SEMI DETACHED
- THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED
- W.C. CLOAKROOM
- LIVING ROOM/DINING ROOM
- EXTENDED FITTED KITCHEN/SUN LOUNGE
- SPACIOUS FAMILY SHOWER ROOM
- DRIVEWAY/GARAGE
- TRAIL, OAK BLOCK FLOORING
- NO CHAIN
- ER=D

£225,000

NEW

31D HOLTON ROAD, BARRY

- LUXURY FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT
- SPACIOUS MASTER EN SUITE
- OPEN PLAN LIVING ROOM/KITCHEN
- TWO BEDROOMS
- BEAMED CEILING/GLASS BALUSTRADING
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL
- EPC=E

£89,000

NEW

BUTTRILLS ROAD, BARRY

- GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT
- TWO BEDROOMS
- LIVING ROOM OVERLOOKING GREEN
- FITTED KITCHEN
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING & UPVC D/G
- SECURITY DOOR ENTRY SYSTEM
- DRIVEWAY
- NO CHAIN
- ER=C

£94,950

NEW

LITTLE MOORS HILL, BARRY

- END OF LINK
- LIVING ROOM
- FITTED KITCHEN
- THREE BEDROOMS
- FAMIL. BATHROOM
- UPVC D/G & GLAZING
- NO CHAIN
- ER=D

£95,950

NEW

POWIS VIEW, BARRY

- WELL PRESENTED
- 1ST FLOOR APARTMENT
- REPAIRMENT KITCHEN
- REPAIRMENT BATHROOM
- 2 DOUB. BEDROOMS
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING VIA COMBI
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING
- ER=C

£95,000

NEW

YEW TREE COURT, BARRY

- ELEVATED TRADITIONAL
- FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT
- LIVING ROOM LEADING TO SUN AREA
- TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- FAMIL. BATHROOM
- IN NEED OF SOME MODERNISATION
- NO CHAIN
- PARKING IN A BLOCK
- FREEHOLD
- 125 YRS TENURE - £50.00 P.MONTH
- ER=D

£99,950

NEW

ST. NICHOLAS CLOSE, BARRY

- 2 DOUBLE BED APARTMENT
- THIRD FLOOR
- WEST END LOCATION
- BALCONY WITH SEA VIEWS
- GCH UPVC D/G
- VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
- ER=D

£105,000

NEW

HANNAH STREET, BARRY

- TRADITIONAL END OF TERRACE
- THROUGH LIVING ROOM
- FITTED KITCHEN
- TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- SPACIOUS BATHROOM
- ENCLOSED GARDEN
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL
- ER=E

£110,000

NEW

EVELYN STREET, BARRY

- MID TERRACED TRADITIONAL
- THROUGH LIVING DINING ROOM
- GROUND FLOOR WC
- SUN LOUNGE
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING VIA COMBI
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING
- LOW MAINTENANCE GARDEN
- SECURITY DOOR ENTRY SYSTEM
- CONVENIENT LOCATION
- ER=D

£126,000

NEW

RADNOR GREEN, BARRY

- SEMI DETACHED
- THREE BEDROOMS
- LIVING ROOM
- DINING ROOM
- GROUND FLOOR BATHROOM
- GARAGE/PARKING
- GCH VIA COMBI & UPVC D/G
- ER=D

£127,500

VIEWING A MUST

AMHERST CRESCENT, BARRY

- ELEVATED SEMI DETACHED
- LIVING ROOM OPENING TO A RAISED DECKED AREA
- FAR REACHING SEA VIEWS
- KITCHEN, UTILITY AREA
- TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- PATIOED GARDEN
- GARAGE
- NO CHAIN
- EPC=D

£129,500

VIEWING A MUST

PORTRHERRY ROAD, BARRY

- MODERN DETACHED
- FOUR BEDROOMS (MASTER ENSUITE)
- LIVING ROOM
- DINING ROOM
- LEAN TO, W.C. CLOAKROOM
- TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- RAISED GARDEN WITH LEVEL
- SITTING AREAS
- ER=E

£129,950

VIEWING A MUST

LAKIN DRIVE, BARRY

- MODERN SEMI DETACHED
- TWO BEDROOMS
- UPVC D/G & GCH VIA COMBI
- KITCHEN/BREAKFAST
- DRIVEWAY
- WELL PRESENTED
- ER=C

£137,500

VIEWING A MUST

WELFORD STREET, BARRY

- MODERN DETACHED
- TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- 2 RECEPTION ROOMS
- SPACIOUS KITCHEN/DINER
- ORIGINAL FEATURES THROUGHOUT
- SITES WALK TO BEACHES
- ER=E

£184,950

VIEWING A MUST

VICTORIA PARK ROAD, BARRY

- STUNNING DETACHED RESIDENCE
- W.C. CLOAKROOM STUDY
- TWO REC. ROOMS
- SUN LOUNGE
- FAR REACHING VIEWS OVER THE BRISTOL
- SIDE ACCESS LEADING TO FRONT
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- WELL PRESENTED THROUGHOUT
- ER=C

£215,000

VIEWING A MUST

MERTHYR DYFAN ROAD, BARRY

- SEMI DETACHED DORMA BUNGALOW
- SPACIOUS THROUGHOUT
- G/F FLR LIVING ROOM
- DINING ROOM OR BEDROOM
- MASTER BEDROOM WITH ENSUITE
- FAMIL. BATHROOM
- 1ST FLR TWO FURTHER BEDROOMS TO ATTIC
- DRIVEWAY/PARKING
- ER=D

£224,950

OFFERS CONSIDERED

THISTLE CLOSE, BARRY

- SPACIOUS DETACHED PROPERTY
- FOUR BEDROOMS (MASTER ENSUITE)
- LIVING ROOM
- DINING ROOM
- CONVERTED GARAGE
- DOWNSTAIRS CLOAKROOM
- DRIVEWAY
- LARGE GARDEN
- OFF ROAD PARKING
- ER=D

£228,000

OFFERS CONSIDERED

CENNIN PEDR, BARRY

- MODERN DETACHED
- FOUR BEDROOMS (MASTER ENSUITE)
- LIVING ROOM
- DINING ROOM
- WC CLOAKROOM
- TWO BEDROOMS
- UTILITY ROOM
- GARAGE/DRIVEWAY
- ER=D

£256,950

OFFERS CONSIDERED

USK WAY, BARRY

- SPACIOUS DETACHED PROPERTY
- FOUR BEDROOMS (MASTER ENSUITE)
- LIVING & DINING ROOM
- KITCHEN/BREAKFAST ROOM
- DOWNSTAIRS CLOAKROOM
- REPLACEMENT SHOWER ROOM
- INTEGRAL GARAGE
- GCH & UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING
- ER=D

£258,950

OFFERS CONSIDERED

LON FFERM FELIN, BARRY

- MODERN DETACHED
- FOUR BEDROOMS (MASTER ENSUITE)
- FITTED KITCHEN/UTILITY RM
- DOWNSTAIRS CLOAKROOM
- DRIVEWAY/GARAGE
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL
- ER=D

£269,950

OFFERS CONSIDERED

WHITE HOUSE, BARRY

- STUNNING DETACHED RESIDENCE
- W.C. CLOAKROOM
- TWO REC. ROOMS
- SUN LOUNGE
- FAR REACHING VIEWS OVER THE BRISTOL
- SIDE ACCESS LEADING TO FRONT
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- WELL PRESENTED THROUGHOUT
- ER=C

£550,000

REDUCED BY £10,000

PORT ROAD EAST, BARRY

- DETACHED BUNGALOW
- TWO REC. ROOMS
- THREE BEDROOMS
- LIVING ROOM
- DINING ROOM
- FAMILIOUS VIEWS OVER THE VALE
- DRIVEWAY
- NO CHAIN
- ER=D

£279,950

What's on where and when in your area

'Potter Night' at Griffin

THE 8th Harry Potter book, *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child*, a play featuring Harry's son, is due for publication at midnight on Sunday, July 31.

Griffin Books, Penarth will be opening at 11pm for refreshments and Potter-related fun, with the book available for purchase on the stroke of midnight. Call Griffin Books on 02920 706455 to reserve a copy at the special price of £15, plus a £5 book voucher.

Beach clean

FRIENDS of Barry Beaches will hold a beach

clean on Sunday, July 31 at the Knap beach, Barry at 3pm.

Volunteers old and new are welcomed, to help keep Barry's beaches clean.

WI Coffee

BARRY Women's Institute is holding a coffee morning on Tuesday, August 2 from 10am to 12 noon at Highlight Community Centre Hall, Highlight Park, Barry.

Craft stall, tombola, plant stall and book stall. Entrance £3, raffle £1. All are welcome.

South Wales site managers win national awards

THREE site managers from Taylor Wimpey South Wales are celebrating after winning top national awards.

Steve Northam, site manager at Channel Heights in Rhosce; Chris Jones, of Kingsmead in Caerphilly, and Mike Kift, of Parc y Strade in Llanelli, beat off stiff competition from around 16,000 other site managers to be honoured with NHBC (National House-Building Council) Pride in the Job Quality Awards.

The awards are presented following a stringent judging process by NHBC inspectors, who perform spot checks and continuous assessment of developments throughout the year.

CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG GORCHYMYN (CAU DROS DRO) (RHAN O) LWYBR CERDDED BROOKFIELD AVENUE Y BARRI 2016

Ar 26 Gorffennaf 2016, gwnaeth Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adran 14 Deddf Rheoli Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 (fel y'i diwygiwyd) Orchymyn a fydd yn gwneud yr hyn a ddisgrifir yn yr atodlen isod:

Daeth y Gorchymyn i rym ar 1 Awst 2016 ac fe'i gelwir yn "Gorchymyn (Cau Dros Dro) (Rhan o) Lwybr Cyhoeddus Brookfield Avenue Cyngor Bro Morgannwg 2016".

Os ydych am gwestiynu dilysrwydd y Gorchymyn neu'r darpariaethau ynddo ar y sail nad ydynt yn unol â'r pwerau a ddyfarnwyd gan y Ddeddf uchod neu ar y sail nas cydymffurfirwyd ag unrhyw un o ofynion y Ddeddf, neu unrhyw offeryn a wnaed dan y Ddeddf mewn perthynas â'r Gorchymyn, gallwch, o fewn chwe wythnos o 1 Awst 2016, wneud cais i'r Uchel Lys at y diben hwn.

ATOLDEN 1

1.Ni chaiff unrhyw un gerdded ar y lleoliad a nodir yn Atolden 2 isod.

ATOLDEN 2

Lleoliad Y llwybr cerdded sy'n mynd tua'r gogledd o Brookfield Avenue (wrth ymyl Afon Coldbrook), o'r gyffordd â Brookfield Avenue sef rhif grid 313283 169719 wrth ymyl rhif 2 Brookfield Avenue, ac yn parhau tua'r gogledd-orllewin i'r man lle mae'r llwybr cerdded hwn yn cwrdd â'r Hawl Dramwy Gyhoeddus a elwir Y Barri Rhif 13 sef rhif grid 313073 169845.

Llwybr Arall Pan fydd y llwybr hwn ynghau, bydd gwyriad ar gael ar hyd Brookfield Avenue, a'r droedffordd sydd gerllaw 40 i 44 Brookfield Avenue.

Rheswm Galluogi gwaith i ddigwydd sy'n gysylltiedig â gweithredu cynllun rheoli perygl llifogydd Coldbrook.

Hyd O 8.00 ar 1 Awst 2016 am gyfnod heb fod yn hwy na 18 mis

Dyddiedig 28 Gorffennaf 2016

M. E. Punter,
Cyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.



The Vale of Glamorgan Council (BROOKFIELD AVENUE BARRY (PART) FOOTPATH) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2016

On the 26th July 2016 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below:

The Order will come into force on 1st August 2016 and will be known as "The Vale of Glamorgan Council Brookfield Avenue (Part) Footpath (Temporary Closure) Order 2016.

If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 1st August 2016 apply to the High Court for this purpose

SCHEDULE 1

1. No person shall proceed on foot in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location The footpath that runs to the north of Brookfield Avenue, (adjacent to the Coldbrook River), from its junction with Brookfield Avenue at grid 313283 169719 adjacent to number 2 Brookfield Avenue, and continuing in a northwesterly direction to where this footpath meets the Public Right of way known as Barry No 13 at grid 313073 169845.

Alt. Route During this closure a diversion will be available via Brookfield Avenue, and the footway that runs adjacent to 40 to 44 Brookfield Avenue.

Reason To allow for works, in connection with, the implementation of the Coldbrook flood risk management scheme.

Duration From 08.00 on 1st August 2016 for a maximum period of 18 months

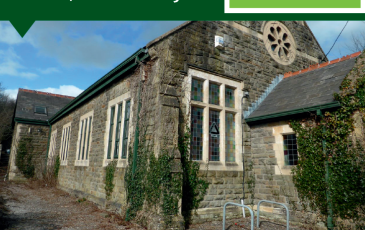
Dated this 28th day of July 2016

M. E. Punter,
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
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New work and an old favourite at latest Cor Bro Ogwr concert



Edward-Rhys Harry conducts the performance.



ABOVE: Soloist Angharad Davies.

Young artists scoop prizes



LEFT: Charlotte Edmunds (12) of Cynffig Comprehensive School is pictured receiving her prize from WPD's Huw Thomas.

FIVE artistic pupils from a Bridgend secondary school have scooped top prizes in this year's Royal Welsh Agricultural Society's annual children's art and design competition, sponsored by Western Power Distribution (WPD).

Each year, it attracts hundreds of entries from young artists across Wales. Pupils are invited to use their skill and imagination to design a painting or drawing illustrating 'What Christmas Means to Me'. Emily Seyerle (aged 12) of Cynffig Comprehensive School came first in the 12-14-year-old category, receiving a cash prize of £30 and £100 for her school.

In the same category, fellow pupil Charlotte

Edmunds (12) was awarded a second prize of £20 and Joshua Urch, also aged 12, was awarded a third prize of £15, while Grace Griffiths (13) was awarded highly commended.

In the 9-11-year-old category, Finley Hampton (11) was awarded a highly commended. Huw Thomas, WPD's distribution manager for east Wales, who presented the youngsters with their prizes, praised the excellent standard of entries: "We've been sponsoring this competition now for more than 16 years and each year the children manage to delight us with their creative ideas," he said.

During the show, prize-winning posters were displayed at Western Power Distribution's award-winning display stand.

IN spite of distinctly non-summer weather on Friday July 15, Cor Bro Ogwr created a very warm atmosphere for the audience braving the grey and wet.

The first half celebrated a Welsh miscellany, featuring a number of arrangements of well-known songs by our conductor, Edward-Rhys Harry.

He had stepped in while we were looking for a new conductor, and provided us with an emotional new composition 'Don't go Chasing Shadows' in memory of the Aberfan disaster, 50 years ago this October.

Dedicated to "his friends at Cor Bro Ogwr", it was a moving tribute and we were proud to give the piece its premiere.

The orchestra, The British Sinfonietta, which has played with us many times before, produced an amazing sound as it accompanied the choir in Karl Jenkins' *Stabat Mater*, which is a piece stretching both voices and orchestra.

Special thanks go to our soloist,

Report by

Dominique Spearey

Cyclists' 'Tour de Jehu' for homeless charity



Marc Jehu, Chris Neville and Gareth Taylor outside Jehu head office in Waterton Park.

INSPIRED by the Tour de France reaching the final stages across the Channel, a group of cycling enthusiasts from local construction company Jehu Group decided to take their own 'Tour de Jehu', visiting local construction sites to raise money for company charity Llamau and raise awareness of Cycle-Scheme Limited.

Director Marc Jehu, cricket match.

project manager Chris Neville and quantity surveyor Gareth Taylor set off from Jehu HQ site last Friday on a ride, taking in seven of the company's current housing projects around south Wales.

First stop for the team was at Heol y Geifr in Pencoed, then off via Church Village, Rhydfelin and Aberbargoed and then down to the Cardiff sites in Pentwyn, Pontcanna and Leckwith, before they ended up for a well-deserved rest at the Swalec stadium, coinciding with the T20

Mr Jehu said: "Through this event, we hope to highlight the health benefits from cycling – and particularly the Cyclescheme initiative that Jehu supports in encouraging its staff to purchase bikes at competitive prices – and, hopefully, raise some money in the process for our chairman's charity – Llamau!"

All donations go to Llamau; contact via the website link www.walespropertytrials.com then use the 'donate' button.

'Genuinely kind' Jeff recognised for making a difference to residents' lives

A BRIDGEND man, described as 'genuinely kind' by those who know him, has been recognised with an award for the difference he has made to scores of lives.

Jeff Bunce's work to help create a close-knit community at Wales & West Housing's (WWH) Western Court, Bridgend, was recognised at the Tenants Participation Advisory Service awards (TPAS) Cymru Participation Awards last week, where he secured third place in the 'Tenant of the Year' category.

Former coach driver Jeff led the regeneration of the communal garden at Western Court more than four years ago. With help from carpenter friend Derek Rose and WWH's 'Making a Difference to Your Environment' grant, they created a



Jeff Bunce.

haven for tenants, built mostly from recycled pallets.

Resident participation strategy officer, Claire Hammond said that Western Court had won various awards for its garden, including the WWH 'Eco Champion' award, TPAS 'Improving Your Environment' award and the UK-wide 'Sustainable Housing, Green Tenants of the

Year' award.

She said that Jeff thoroughly deserved to be nominated for the impact his work at Western Court is having on so many people, and added: "He's really brought the community together."

"Jeff really looks after the Western Court residents, and they have told us that they are very grateful for his kindness."

Cowbridge U3A wins quiz battle of the towns

FRIDAY, July 15 saw two Cowbridge U3A teams, each of five members, involved in another inter-U3A quiz tournament, hosted by Cardiff U3A.

As well as the home contestants and Cowbridge, there were teams from Abergavenny, Porthcawl and Bridgend. Questioning was on a range of diverse subjects, including the human body, Welsh women of note, fictional detectives (certainly the downfall of one of the Cowbridge teams!), South America, World War One, the birth names of famous (or, in some cases, infamous) people, the planets and Shakespeare.

After varying fortunes in the 10 rounds, a team from Porthcawl triumphed, with Cowbridge's quintets finishing third and sixth out of the 10 competitors.

One of the Abergavenny contingents, with only three members, filled the second place berth.

Welcome refreshments were provided during a break in proceedings.

The composition of the Cowbridge teams essentially depends on who is available and willing to participate in U3A and charity quizzes, rather than the desire to have an elite, winning squad.

See www.u3asites.org.uk/cowbridge.

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'Save our bus service' – call at Pencoed

OGMORE MP Huw Irranca-Davies recently met residents of Mervyn Way, Pencoed and neighbouring areas to accept a signed petition, by almost 400 people, in their efforts to save the number 62 First Cymru bus service from Mervyn Way, Pencoed.

Along with Chris Elmore MP, local councillors Richard Williams and John McCarthy and several residents, he asked First Cymru to reconsider its decision to withdraw the bus service from Mervyn Way, because of the "clear and detrimental

impact it will have on many elderly and infirm residents".

He said: "I am happy to support my constituents in their efforts to save this much-needed bus service and ask First Cymru to fully consider the social impacts on the local residents, many of whom have poor mobility and will be unable to access public transport if this

service is withdrawn". Mr Elmore commented:

"The residents have shown in great numbers, both here and with the petition, that they're passionate about keeping the bus stop. I hope the bus company does review this decision."

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Passed away on July 15 at the University Hospital of Wales, aged 79 years. Dear brother of Geoff and his wife Sue. Devoted uncle of Edward, Anthea and husband Eulogio and proud great uncle of Lucia and Cristina.

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SMITH
Joan

Beloved wife of the late Aubrey, loving mum to Diane and Keith, Paul and Jane. A much loved nannie to Robert, James, Isobel, Alys and Tom. Loved sister and sister-in-law of Eric and Nell, Carol and Graham.

She will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at Thomas Brothers, Greengate, Ewenny Road, St. Bridges Major, CF32 0SB until the funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium on Tuesday, August 9 at 12 noon. Immediate family flowers only please. Donations in lieu of flowers may be given to The British Heart Foundation or Cancer Research UK c/o the funeral director.

LEACH**Carole Alison**

Passed away peacefully at the University Hospital of Wales on Tuesday, July 19 with her family present. Widow of the late Raymond, mother of Jeff, mother-in-law to Sam and beloved nan to Finley.

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RICKARD**Thomas Ernest Sutherley**

Sadly Tom passed away on Friday, July 15. Dearly loved husband of Mary, beloved father, grandfather, best friend and friend.

Tom will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

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MILLARD**Christopher Thomas**

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Peacefully at Llandough Hospital on July 24, Barrie, beloved husband of Olga, much loved father of Bradley. Barrie will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

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GREEN**Valerie Lillian Irene**
(née Williams)

Suddenly but peacefully on July 18, Val of Kennedy Rise, Barry. Dearly beloved wife of the late Alan, cherished and much loved mum of Andrew, adored nan of Alex, much loved sister of Don and the late Mick and Keith.

Val will be sadly missed by all her loving family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son, Tynywydd Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry until her funeral service at All Saints Church, Barry on Friday, August 5 at 1.45pm, followed by cremation at the Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 3pm. Immediate family flowers only, but donations in lieu of flowers to Leukaemia Research for Wales (Charity no 511298) can be given to the funeral director at the service.

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MARITIME HERO COMES TO BARRY

The Murrell family, 1882 – 1919

LOCAL historian Laurie Owen has written several articles for The GEM recently, looking at the development of Barry at around the turn of the 19th Century, as the village was transformed when it became a major coal port. This piece looks at the influence of the Murrell family:

THIS short story illustrates how the building of Barry Docks attracted two generations of a family from England to take part in the growth of a small village in south Wales.

Frederick Murrell (s) (1834-1909) was the second of 12 children born to Captain William Murrells and Eliza Harvey in Wivenhoe, Essex. His family had a long history as shipbuilders, owners and master mariners from west Hartlepool. The letter 's' was dropped from the surname and in 1861 he married Catherine Chapman and they soon started their own family.

In the late 1870s, the Hooper Telegraph Company operated out of Millwall Docks in London and Frederick served for many years as captain of their biggest and most important cable-laying ship, the newly-built CS (cable ship) *Hooper*, laying cables for telecommunications along the coasts of the USA and Cuba.

Following his early career at sea, in 1882 Frederick set up the partnership Hooper, Murrell and Williams, as managing agents for the Atlantic Transport Line, with an eye no doubt to a future beyond the sea.

David Davies, owner of Ocean Collieries and leader of the Rhondda Valley mine owners, had championed the development of Barry Docks, which had opened in 1889.

Movement of coal had been congested and expensive at Cardiff and with the new railway line, ambitions were soon realised.

With number two dock also now open, in 1899 3,000 ships used Barry and by 1913 it was the busiest coal port in the world.

Labourers, dockworkers, tradesmen and their families came from all over the world and with the addition of many shopkeepers required to service their needs, the population of Barry had grown from around 100 before the docks to about 33,000 by 1909.

Most likely driven by this increased movement

of coal, by 1891 Frederick was living in Newport Road, Cardiff with sons Frank and Wilfred, daughters Fanny and Catherine, and two servants.

Now working as a marine surveyor, his son Frank was an apprentice surveyor at 17 years of age. Already a man of means and with a growing reputation as a marine surveyor, in 1893 Frederick built an impressive grand house in the west end of Barry on high ground overlooking the Bristol Channel.

He named the house 'St Osyth', which is a parish near Clacton in Essex and is dominated by the remains of a medieval priory. Legend has it that 'Osyth' was the daughter of a King of East Anglia, beheaded in 653AD by Danish invaders because she would not worship their idols.

The priory was built in her honour and, over time, she became a saint by popular consent. The Murrell family had fond memories of this area and it was natural perhaps that they named their home in this way.

A splendid family photograph c1905 shows Catherine Howell, Frank, Alice and her parents Mary and husband Hamilton, Wilfred, son of Catherine and Frederick and their daughter Florence. Although son Frank was a surveyor, it is interesting that in 1901, youngest son Wilfred was a box merchant and daughter Fanny a paper merchant.

Boy's Brigade

Around 1896/7, Frederick found a site in Park Crescent and erected a building to help boys aged 12-17 to learn "obedience, discipline and usefulness and together with Bible reading, to be upright citizens."

Naming it the Jubilee Hall in honour of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, in 1900 his son Frank fitted out a gymnasium complete with an instructor, set up an ambulance class and formed a band, while eldest son Hamilton, founded a 'naval section'.

Frank was the brigade captain for a time and also the honorary treasurer, and this project was certainly a family enterprise.

A 1901 photograph in the local press showed the boys and officers in their uniforms, proudly sitting outside the headquarters, but with no actual location.

The sloping of the houses, visible either side of the building, have made it difficult to pinpoint where it actually was, but it seems likely it was either on the rough ground between

Kathleen Street and Gaen Street, where the garage and shops would later be built or on the site which Baker's coalyard would later occupy.

There were many such brigades and this local one was known as the '1st Barry' and an article from 1902 in the Barry Dock News

reported how the fees were to be increased from 6d to join and 1d per week to 1 shilling to join with no weekly fee.

Frederick Murrell JP 1834-1909, was not only a successful businessman, but also a gentleman and held in the highest regard by all who knew him. He was one of the senior and pioneer deacons of Windsor Road church, a treasurer and Sunday School superintendent.

After an illness, he died in 1909 at St Osyth, the grand house which he built in 1893. A short service at the home was followed by an impressive memorial service at his church and burial at Merthyr Dyfan cemetery.

Meanwhile, Frederick's eldest son Hamilton (1862-1916) had been building his own seafaring career, having been a captain since the age of 22, commanding the SS *Maine* and SS *Surrey* until his appointment to the SS *Missouri*.

This vessel would become known throughout the world because of an incident on her second voyage and it would change his life forever.

As a matter of interest, Frederick had indeed been partly involved in the building of this vessel in 1888 and for his son to be her first captain would have been a great honour.

On April 6, 1889 at just 27 years of age, Captain Hamilton Murrell in his freighter SS *Missouri*, came upon the stricken steamship SS *Danmark* in mid-Atlantic.

With room only for 37 crew and 20 others on his own freighter and over 700 souls on board the steamer in grave danger of sinking, the young captain was confronted by impending disaster. His decision to discharge his cargo of cattle and goods to make room for these emigrants from Sweden, Denmark and Norway as they headed for the 'promised land' of America, had no guarantee of success.

His crew not only toiled for 12 hours with no food or rest, but then willingly gave up their quarters and, with their captain, slept on deck whenever possible.

After many days in treacherous seas and seriously overloaded, he was finally able to land many of his extra passengers in the

Azores. Some 370 single men would be left behind until alternative transport could be arranged, then after taking on ample provisions, he continued his journey with 365 lucky travellers to Philadelphia, where the captain and crew would be duly honoured for their bravery.

On May 24, 1889 the Lord Mayor of London presented Captain Murrell with a gallantry award at Mansion House. Those present witnessed the crew and officers being awarded two months' pay, with the latter also receiving gold watches. The captain was presented with an inscribed silver salver and a purse of gold.

The bravery of the captain and crew should not be underestimated and they would be honoured on many occasions by various organisations, including an audience with the American president Benjamin Harrison.

The press at the time recorded that Hamilton, at six feet two inches and well proportioned, was "a handsome man, stout and florid, with a pleasing face and a nerve like that which has made naval heroes famous". Sadly he was to suffer damage to his eyes while striving to pierce heavy fog for several hours and required many weeks to recover.

On his return he commanded the SS *Michigan* which had been fitted out under his supervision. In the early 1890s, Hamilton Murrell, with his knighthood from the King of Denmark for his "bravery and humanity", gave up the sea and followed his father to south Wales, working with him as a marine surveyor in Cardiff.

With his worldwide reputation and now living in Barry, it was no surprise that the local men of substance were anxious to make his acquaintance and by 1893 he was one of the founders of the Conservative Club in Holton Road.

Then by the following year, an article in the Barry Dock News described in some detail a concerted effort to persuade him to stand in the forthcoming general election. How ironic it was, when in 1895, the paper ran an elaborate story celebrating the success of Major Wyndham-Quinn as MP for South Glamorgan with an enormous majority.

Having turned down that opportunity, we can only speculate as to his feelings when the very next story was about him fundraising as chairman of the Barry lifeboat and the regatta committee.

An interesting story appeared in 1897 at the launch of the 'Barry Literary and Social Society' at Windsor Road church, with his wife Mary also a member. Hamilton lent them a 'graphonographe', which was of great interest to those present and seemingly a new form of entertainment that he probably acquired in America.

Having impressed his audience, he seized on the opportunity to explain his ideas for the 'municipalisation of public houses', which had been his campaign for quite a while.

Briefly, it suggested that the council would take on the ownership of new premises and apply for the necessary licence, which would immediately increase the value of said property. It would then let the pubs and the ratepayers would benefit from the rent each year and the extra value, rather than the speculator.

While this idea did not take off, in 1898 he was elected a Glamorgan county councillor, when he defeated the influential John Cory JP by 27 votes, with the support of the Navvies Union.

That same year, as president of the chamber of trade, he was chosen to present the case to Parliament for a through railway line from Barry to Cardiff. As this would need a new location for the station at Cogan, the Penarth council was violently opposed.

In the 1901 census he was living at 'Eversley', 9 Porthkerry Road, with his wife Mary, daughter Alice Catharine, sons Frederick Junior and Archibald Alexander and two servants. In a scene reminiscent of *Downton Abbey*, that same year his wife Mary invited some 'influential ladies' to Eversley, for afternoon tea in the drawing room. They set up a committee with Mary as treasurer to raise funds for Cardiff Infirmary, as the previous year 67 inpatients and 268 outpatients from Barry had been treated.

Although he was re-elected unopposed as a councillor in 1901, later that year he went to America, living and working in Boston.

Subsequently, he was removed from the council when it was rightly pointed out that he could not carry out his duties from across the Atlantic.

The couple did come back to visit his family in 1906 and while it is not known how long they stayed, he was not present at his father's funeral in 1909.

The illustrious Frederick William Hamilton Murrell died in

1916 in Baltimore, the former home of his wife Mary.

Frederick's second son, Frank Edric Hooper Murrell (1874-1931) would remain in Barry after the demise of his father and in 1911 was living at 'Bronwydd', a large house overlooking Romilly Park. He had married Mary Gwendoline Howell in 1907 and together they had a son Hywel, and Frank's occupation was a timber and paper merchant.

Over the next few years, he was more active in the community than his brother or father and at various times he was a Barry councillor, serving on many different committees such as planning, hospitals and education,

where he was very outspoken on the need to abolish caning.

In 1913 he was highly critical of the Teachers' Union for allowing older teachers to see out their days with no real enthusiasm, when they should be encouraging new young blood.

He was chairman of the hospitals committee in 1914 when it proposed to extend the infectious diseases hospital on Colcot Road at a cost of £5,000.

In 1910 he was secretary when the 'Barry Association of Brotherhoods' set up in Windsor Road church and with his wife they would later hold fundraisers for this and other causes in the grounds of St Osyth, where they lived after

the death of his father.

Four years later, David Davies the grandson of the famous man of that name, would donate £2,000 for the erection of a new Brotherhood Institute, as soon as a location could be found.

It is not known when Frank moved away from Barry, but in 1919 he was referred to in the press as a 'former councillor' and then in 1931 he died at the Angel Hotel, Cardiff.

The patriarch Frederick Murrell and his two sons, Hamilton and Frank, were in Barry for almost 30 years and while they increased their wealth, at the same time they each contributed to the growth of the town.

LAURIE OWEN

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Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act, 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

Development that may affect a Conservation Area/ Datblygu a allai effeithio ar Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No./ Rhif y cais:	2016/00808/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig:	Alteration to boundary wall on river frontage
Location/Lleoliad:	Britannia House, Penny Lane, Cowbridge
Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth	Cowbridge
Listed Building Consent/ Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig	
Application No./ Rhif y cais:	2016/00565/LBC
Proposal/Cynnig:	Installation of single glazed picture window in lounge with double glazed french doors of wooden construction and replacement of single remaining single glazed window
Location/Lleoliad:	Cherry Tree Cottage, Boverton Park Drive, Boverton
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig	Grade II

May affect a Public Right of Way/ Gall effeithio ar Hawl Tramwy Cyhoeddus

Application No./ Rhif y cais:	2016/00778/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig:	Demolition of existing buildings and residential redevelopment of land to deliver 15 affordable homes together with associated car parking, landscaping, drainage infrastructure and other ancillary development (resubmission).
Location/Lleoliad:	Land at Former Bus Depot Site, Chapel Terrace, Twyn Yr Ody, Wenvoe

Departure from Development Plan/ Gwryro o'r Cynllun Datblygu

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BRIDGEND BOWLS CLUB HOSTS A TOP HOME INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT

BRIDGEND Bowls Club hosted a women's under-25s tournament last weekend, featuring Wales, England, Ireland and Scotland. Wales won the pairs!

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Ten-pin bowling doubles honours memory of Lez



Kay with the winners of the Lez Rogers Memorial Doubles 2016.

THE Lez Rogers Memorial Doubles is now in its 10th year and was hosted on July 15 - 17 by Bowplex, Cwmbran, which has been bought out by the Original Bowling Company in the last year.

It is a ten-pin bowling event in memory of Lez Rogers, who was in the Royal Air Force, and lived in Regent Street, Barry. He had gone out to Australia in June 2006 to compete in the Ten Pin Bowling Commonwealth Championships in Melbourne - but, unfortunately, had a heart attack and died before he could realise his dream of competing on such a large international scale.

Every year since his death, the tournament is

held to remember him and raise money for the British Heart Foundation.

The tournament is one of a kind in the UK, as it brings together a lot of people from places as far away as Lincoln, north Wales and Scotland and it's time to meet new friends both young and old and share Lez's other interest in rock music, which they listen to while bowling.

In the first year it was hosted, there were just 46 teams - this year has seen the biggest turnout yet, with 103 teams competing to take the top spot. One bowling club from Reading and Bracknell area, called the Big Boys Bowling Club sent 20 teams to play and the Royal Air Force sent 18 teams.

As this was the 10th

year of the event, a special cake was made with a bowling pin and a photo of Lez on it. A replica of his last bowling ball was made out of chocolate cake so that both of them side-by-side looked like 10.

Friday night saw a squad of eight teams playing and the early lead was taken by Joint Married + 1 with a series of 2791.

Saturday meant that there were more teams and the afternoon squads were both full. The lead was soon taken by the RAF team RAF Space Raiders, featuring Chris Maddock and Matt Hall with a 2946 set.

Matt took the High Game Handicap series by bowling three games of 257, 249 and 266. This score led until Sunday and then local bowlers Nicola Davies and William 'Ben' Evans pipped them with 2972.

Two other notable scores came from 19-year-old Welsh team player Natasha English and a new personal best of 290, which ended up taking the high game handicap of 330.

Not to be outdone, we nearly had the perfect score of 300 by Gary Newton who shot 299! The Sunday dinner-time squad saw the defending champions - father and son team - featuring Tony and Chris Lee (Me and the Boy) hit 3001, and take the lead.

There were a few late challengers, but they ended up short and the title was retained again by Me and the Boy, who were very pleased with the result.

A 'just giving' page had been set up by Lez's wife, Kay Rogers and to date it has raised £250 for the British Heart Foundation. Money was also collected from each entry and two raffles held over the weekend and a record total of £836.42 was raised.

All in all it was a very successful weekend and the planning has already begun for the next one.

KAY ROGERS

Athletic support scheme helps young sailor

YOUNG Penarth sailing star William Hall says that his career can hit new heights after being selected for an athlete support scheme.

The 15-year-old is one of just 100 young athletes selected to be part of the 'SSE Next Generation' programme, in conjunction with SportsAid, which identifies stars of the future.

Earlier this month, Hall attended a workshop at the SSE Swalec in Cardiff, where he received specialist mentoring, nutritional advice, media training and financial support.

And as the Stanwell School pupil looks to follow in the footsteps of his hero Sir Ben Ainslie, Hall says that the future looks bright now he is on this scheme.

He said: "This is my first year on the programme and they are helping me by funding me and giving me important life skills so I can improve my sporting experience for the future."

"We did a performance lifestyle unit in which they showed me how to manage my time, keeping school work balanced within my sport as well as friends and social life."

"It's a really great

boost knowing that I have SSE and SportsAid behind me because it shows that people have confidence in me and want to give me promotion so I can progress through my sport in the future."

"I'm very proud to have been selected for this scheme because it gives me great promotion and shows that I am progressing in my sport, and I'm very happy to be part of it."

Also in attendance at the event was former England international rugby player David Flatman, an ambassador for the scheme's partner charity, SportsAid.

As well as holding one-on-one mentoring with the athletes, Flatman also passed on his own advice and guidance for the youngster embarking on their sporting careers, and he said he had been impressed with the athletes he met.

"I've been here mentoring some very, very promising young athletes from England and Wales, and also talking to their parents about how to handle these super talented, super motivated kids," said Flatman, who won 161 caps during his nine-year spell with Bath Rugby.

For more information, search online for 'SSE Next Generation.'

The Belle Vue bowling news

PENARTH Belle Vue Bowling Club played Llantwit Major in the Munro Cup on July 20 and lost 86-58; three losing rinks and one winning rink, 2 points to 12 points.

Rink one lost 11-21: the lead was Richard Fitzjohn; No 2 was Dave Smith; No 3 was Len Fowler and the skip was Dave Miller.

Rink two was our only winning rink: they won 27-7; lead was Rowland Fletcher; No 2 was Richard Brant; No 3 was Alan Thomas and the winning skip was Trevor Ford.

Rink three lost 13-25: lead was Gerry Field; No 2 was Paul Booth; No 3 was John Whitfield and the skip was Colin Scammell.

Rink four lost 33-7: lead was captain Frank Keen; No 2 was Gordon Ford; No 3 was Paul Paterson; the skip was Barrie Bagwell.

A big thank you to Gerry Field for our pasties and to the two Pauls for looking after the bar and the kitchen.

Belle Vue v Roath Park IN THE Cardiff and District League on Saturday, July 23, Belle

Vue bounced back to win in the League after their defeat in the Midweek, with an 11 points to 3 points win, to keep us in touch with the top of the League. The final score was 92-71.

There were two winning rinks, one tied rink and one defeat. Well done!

Rink one tied their rink 23-23: lead was Richard Fitzjohn; No 2 was Dave Smith; No 3 was Dave Miller and the skip was a happy captain, Malcolm Thomas.

Rink two won 29-5, a good win: lead was Gerry Field; No 2 was Paul Booth; No 3 was Barrie Bagwell and the skip was Dave Purser.

Rink three won 25-17: lead was rowland Fletcher; No 2 was Richard Brant; No 3 was Alan Thomas, and the skip was Trevor Ford.

Rink four lost 15-26 after a good come back after tea: lead was Colin Scammell; No 2 was Gordon Ford; No 3 was Len Fowler and the skip was Paul Paterson.

Thank you to our captain, Malcolm, for the food and to Tracey, his wife.

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Primary girls show they can also bend it like Bale!

JENNER PARK hosted the annual Vale girl's primary football festival recently, and saw a range of schools compete for local bragging-rights.

Organised by Vale Ladies and Girls FC, in partnership with the Vale Council's sports development team, the festival formed part of the Dragon Sport programme, which liaises with local schools with the aim of increasing sports participation in seven to 11-year-olds children.

The festival sought to provide the opportunity for girls to participate in football in a fun and enjoyable

environment.

More than 100 pupils from across the Vale attended the festival, with all schools playing a maximum of six matches.

Sully Primary School, Ysgol Sant Baruc, St Alberts, Ysgol Iolo Morganwg and Dinas Powys Primary School all displayed some fantastic ball skills and team work, inspired by the recent success of the men's national team in France.

To find out more about sports participation in the Vale, head to www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/sportsandplay.

Club's thanks for great championships!



LEFT TO RIGHT: Geoff Caldwell (BMBC secretary), Beryl Jenkins (WWBA president), Gillian Hughes (WWBA secretary) and Carwyn Jones (Wales First Minister).

THE officers of our club over the weekend of July 23/24.

In particular we extend our thanks to the First Minister Carwyn Jones, officers from the Welsh Women's Bowling Association, operatives from Bridgend County Borough Council, the Air

Training Corps at 1092 Squadron Bridgend, Bookers Warehouse, Bridgend Male Choir, Caitlin's Kitchen, Paul Hooper Signs and the Heronston and Premier Hotels in the area that accommodated our host of visitors from all four countries within the British Isles.

Not forgetting those of our own hard working members who contributed and erected marquee-cum-gazebo tents and the amazing catering and bar staff that gave up their weekends.

A huge thank you to all.

GEOFF CALDWELL (on behalf of Bridgend Municipal Bowling Club Management)

Hold Court wins for Evan

HOLD COURT, trained by the Vale's Evan Williams, was a 10-1 winner of the Handicap Hurdle at Worcester on Tuesday evening.

Partnered by stable jockey Paul Moloney, High Court came home four lengths ahead of the bottom weighted Victor Leudorum, a 33-1 chance.

Both the winner and the second were the only two course and distance winners in the race.

They were also the oldest and the only two

nine-year-olds to take part, which is rather a coincidence and those punters who backed them in a forecast would have had plenty to smile about.

BRIAN LEE

Bridge results

RESULTS for the Vale of Glamorgan bridge club for the last two weeks:

July 18 - 1st Mike Pownell & Mia Deschapper 70.74%, 2nd Simon & Debbie Richards 69.60%, 3rd Mike Best & Kevin Maddox 61.36%.
July 25 - 1st Phil Felman & Tony Disley 76.62%, 2nd Simon Gottschalk & Miriam Handren 59.60%, 3rd Barrie Waite & Graham Norris 58.59%.

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Does your club need assistance?

COULD your sports club or organisation benefit from funding to further develop your existing community sport project, or would you like to create new sports opportunities for residents in the Vale of Glamorgan? If so, the Vale Council's sports and play development team may be able to assist you.

It manages the Sport Wales Community Chest funding scheme, which can provide up to £1,500 to clubs and organisations, that can demonstrate they are going to deliver projects that will increase participation levels or improve standards.

The types of organisations that can apply include sports clubs or associations, youth clubs and community groups.

The funding can be used towards areas such

as coaching courses, equipment, initial venue hire and marketing.

Three organisations have recently benefitted from community chest funding. Colwinston Community Association secured £1,440 to help them to introduce new coaching sessions to children and young people in the area.

Wick Youth Club will also be developing new coaching opportunities for children and young people. It will be teaming up with Colwinston Community Association to organise an in-house training course, while Penarth Gymnastics Club was successful in receiving £790 to develop new opportunities for disabled young adults.

If you would like to discuss a potential application, contact the sports and play development team on 01446 704793 or KJDavies@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.



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JSTKD takes on the world!

JSTKD'S sport team could have been mistaken for the Magnificent Seven recently as they took to the floor in the Tae Kwon Do World Championships 2016, held at the Barclaycard Arena, Birmingham, earlier this month.

The seven team members were Lynne Parfitt and Chris Edwards for the adults with the juniors comprising Josh Edwards, Sean Edwards, Rhys Doel, Menna Birmingham and Alex



Munn.

Each competitor gave a fantastic performance, as they joined the 3,300 competitors who had travelled from around the globe to take part.

Teams were present

from all over Europe as well as from much further afield, including Australia, Canada, USA, the Caribbean, South Africa, South America and Nepal.

First up was Patterns specialist, Menna who was competing in both the traditional Junior Girls Black Belt Patterns as well as the Junior Girls Black Belt Musical Patterns events.

In the traditional event, Menna was, unfortunately, just edged out of the medals but it was very a different story on the Musical Patterns side of things.

This discipline requires a high level of technical skill combined with creative flair as competitors interweave a variety of movements around a musical score.

Menna delivered a sizzling performance to present "Pirates of The Caribbean" to the judges as never seen before! She looked certain for gold until just being

squeezed into silver at the last moment.

Over in the other Black Belt patterns events, the Junior Boys, Josh and Rhys, kept their composure to turn in very commendable performances, but didn't quite make it into the top spots.

It was a similar story for Lynne and Chris who also faced a very large line-up in the Ladies and Mens Red Belt Patterns respectively.

However, the sparring events gave another opportunity to claim glory and youngest team member, Sean Edwards was certainly not going to let it pass.

He jumped at the chance to take part in the Boys Red Belt Tag Team event, which permits juniors to form a team with children of the same belt but from any club or country.

They had a lengthy battle to reach the final where they fought on resolutely to claim the

silver.

There was more excitement over in the Boys Lightweight Yellow Belts as Alex Munn looked like he was going to add another medal to the tally.

Regrettably, after putting up a superb fight, he had to step out in the quarter finals.

Amazingly, despite the vast number of competitors in the Boys Black Belt division, Rhys and Josh found themselves drawn against each other in the first round. It was Rhys who eventually came away victorious but although sparring admirably along the way, he too went out in the earlier rounds.

Chris too, was busy battling it out over in the Mens Welterweight Red Belt event.

This was no easy task, with one of his rounds going to extra time before he was able to move through to the next stage. Despite making life difficult for his next opponent, Chris also found himself bowing out before getting a shot at the medals.

The team are now busy training again with their eyes firmly on the British Championships that will be taking place in the autumn.

Details of JSTKD's classes throughout the Vale, can be found at www.jstk.co.uk.

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THE VALE'S FLINT STRIKES AGAIN!

THE Vale's John Flint has been in good form of late and last Friday his course and distance winner Urban Space recorded his second win in just three days when landing the Brains Beer Handicap at Chepstow.

Ridden by Hector Crouch, 10-year-old Urban Space, the oldest horse in the race and carrying top weight, got home by the minimum distance – a nose – from fellow Welsh trainer Bernard Llewellyn's Petrify, which was denied a three-time Urban Space was a 5-2 chance.

WHO AM I WORCESTER'S WIN Who Am I, trained by Debra Hamer who hails from the Vale, but who now trains in west Wales, was a 10-1 winner of the Amateur Riders' Handicap Hurdle at Worcester last Thursday.

Well ridden by James King the 10 year old came home one-and-three quarter lengths ahead of the 2-1 favourite Sporting Milan in a field of 11 runners.

With more than 250 trade stands of all description, the Vale of Glamorgan

Agricultural Show at Fonnnon Castle Park near Cardiff Airport on Wednesday, August 10, is a must for all the family.

Established in 1772, it is the largest one-day event in the Vale featuring competitions, displays and trade stands.

Of interest to horsey folk will be the re-training of racehorses, Shetland ponies, working hunter ponies, coloured horses, Mountain and Moorland horses and, of course, the open British Show Jumping Association competition.

It will be well worth waiting to see the Hunt Scurry at 6pm, while during the afternoon one can visit the fairground, shopping arcade, craft fair and craft

demonstration marquee. Also in action will be the Stannage International Stunt Team, The Quack Pack and the Rockwood Display, not forgetting the Punch and Judy show for younger visitors and the public bars for older ones.

For more information visit www.valeofglamorganshow.co.uk.

EVAN'S NEWTON ABBOT WINNER Evan Williams' eight-year-old bay gelding CaniCallYouBack landed the novice chase at Newton Abbot on Monday.

Ridden by stable jockey Paul Moloney, the top-weighted 7-4 favourite came home seven lengths ahead of Jarlath.

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Rotary bowlers in action

THE Rotary Club of Bridgend was represented in an inter-club bowls competition at Llandrindod Wells by Stan Harding (skip), Allan Brooks, John Ward and Alan Reeks (first reserve, chauffeur and official photographer!).

After a close contest between 18 excellent Rotary Club teams, Bridgend did not actually win.

The competition winners were Rotary Club of Brecon and the runners-up were Rotary Club of Aberystwyth.

It is possible that Bridgend came in at third place, but it is just as possible that they ended up a little further down the list. The team is united

in their contention that they came close to the winners, since they shared a table with the Brecon team at the closing ceremony.

Whatever the result, it was a wonderful day for fellowship - "It matters not if you win or lose, it's how you play the game," sums up the Rotarian ideal that motivates such sporting fellowship.

Rotary is a fellowship organisation dedicated to helping those less fortunate than themselves.

Maybe you would like to join us? To find more about Rotary contact

www.rotarybridgend.org.uk or the secretary of the Rotary Club of Bridgend on 01656 652181.



Bulls overcome weakened Raiders

BRIDGEND Blue Bulls overcame a weakened West Wales Raiders side who were depleted

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by injuries, with their misfortune continuing through the game, the Bulls winning 46-10.

The Llanelli-based side arrived in Pyle with a bare 13 players and when they were eventually permanently reduced to nine for the evening, the game was brought to a halt with both sides agreeing that the score would stand.

Bridgend were good for their win. They hit their angles hard, their passes were crisp and tackles were furious.

Referee, Bianca Zietsman was also given credit for the way she handled the game, with

Bridgend team manager Stephen Smith describing her as "...one of the best this season, she did really well."

Lewis Morgan led the way for Bridgend with a hat-trick of tries with Dan Forrester adding a brace, Luke O'Driscoll, Nicky Giles, Lee Harben-Jones and Nicky Giles also went over. Gareth Howells kicked six goals.

Iwan Mayze and Tony Reese replied with tries for West Wales with Taylor Phillips converting once.

IG



Local horse wins big at Caersws

CAERSWS races always provides a festival of harness racing and this year was no exception with perfect weather providing the background to the party atmosphere of exciting racing - and the winner of the grade A final was Wellfieldlifestyle, a local horse owned and trained near Porthcawl.

On a day that saw 19 races take place, in the first Grade A heat *Ithor Inmate* (Price Brecon) with trainer Derek Pritchard in the sulky

swept over the line in front of *Lakeside Pan* (Elder New Quay) while *Wellfieldlifestyle* (owned and trained by Neil Edmunds Porthcawl) took third.

The finale of the afternoon was the Grade A final, £1000 to the winner, and with most of the class performers having qualified, there was much anticipation.

Pole position proved a useful tool to the canny young driver Mark White who guided his uncle's

Wellfieldlifestyle around the track, controlling the pace and saving just a little for the final straight when the 'big guns' made their move.

Mark judged it to perfection as *Wellfieldlifestyle* clung to victory just in front of the flamboyant *Ithor Inmate* (Price Brecon) with another striking horse *Lakeside Pan* (Elder New Quay) in third.

ML

An outstanding performance from Vale's Idris Merry

VALE CC Second XI put in an outstanding performance on Saturday to defeat Ebbw Vale by 123 runs.

It was one of those games where everybody had the chance to contribute - and did.

Batting first, skipper Carl Brooks and Huw James put on an energetic 51 for the first wicket before Brooks fell for 13.

James then went on to score an excellent 67 including a stand of 65 with Steve Hiles who contributed a classy 35.

Lower order fireworks from Shiv Pavankumar (27) with help from Sunil More and Chris Haskins saw

the home side to a challenging total of 228 all out.

Idris Merry was the star of the bowling performance following tea. Following economical spells from Max Collis (1-24) and More (2-9), Merry proceeded to demolish the visitor's middle order, clean bowling each of his four victims at a cost of 14 runs.

Jack Burne, Ollie Piper and Gethin Merry all provided good support, and only spirited late order hitting from Morgan (33) and Roberts (39) saw Ebbw Vale get to 105.

The team will want to build on this great win in this week's trip to Monkswood.

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BRIDGEND BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS

THE results for recent events at Bridgend Bridge Club are:

Wednesday, July 20: First, Julian Pottage and Tony Ratcliffe; Second, Steve Burgoyne and Bill Turner; Third, Glyn Williams and Irene Wickham. The winners on handicap were Bill Turner and Steve Burgoyne.

Thursday, July 21: First, Eileen Mahoney and Stuart Davies; Second, Francis Heslin and Dee Finch; Third, Mike Williams and John Henson. The winners on handicap were Eileen Mahoney and Stuart Davies.

Friday, July 22: First,

David Melville and Ian Grove; Second, Debbie and Simon Richards; Third, Laura Woodruff and Shelly Shieff. The winners on handicap were Debbie and Simon Richards.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at 7pm at Noltan Church Hall.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, also at Noltan Church Hall, there are gentle bridge sessions when advice is readily available on bidding.

Following the success of this year's lessons there will be another course starting on Thursday, September 8 at 11.30am at Noltan

Church Hall.

These are suitable for complete beginners, or for those who have played either bridge or whist in the past and want to start playing again and to further their knowledge of this fascinating game.

For further information about this friendly club and its activities please contact Steve Burgoyne on 01656 661958, John Evans on 01656 880372 or David Newman on 01656 649138.

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